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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.43	7.15
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	—	4.43	5.50	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	—	4.54	6.02	7.35
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
TaipoMarket Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	3.14	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumchun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.32	6.41	8.13
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	6.47	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.20	—
Shumshun ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24	6.46
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—	6.53
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—	—
TaipoMarket Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—	—
Taipo ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04	7.29

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.24	3.00	5.18	7.15
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.49	—	—	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	2.31	—	5.25	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	2.43	—	5.38	7.35
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.48	10.34	12.32	2.56	—	5.52	7.48
TaipoMarket Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	3.00	—	5.56	7.52
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	3.10	—	6.07	8.02
Sheungshui..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.41	10.10	10.51	12.51	3.15	—	6.12	8.07
Shum Chun..Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.47	10.16	10.57	12.57	3.21	3.40	6.18	8.13
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	—	—	5.38	—	—	—	6.47	—	—

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FENG'S TYRANNY IN HONAN.

MASSACRE AND LOOT.

THE MOST WRETCHED PROVINCE IN CHINA.

TIENTSIN.

There is no man in China more generally execrated all round than Feng Yu Hsiang, and for that reason, among others, his foreign friends, chiefly belonging to missionary circles, have sought to defend him, but they are giving up all effort, for Feng's record in Honan since his reoccupation of that province has shocked friends and foes alike.

Honan to-day is the most wretched and hopeless of all the provinces of this despairing Republic, though others before Feng contributed to this, and the expulsion of the foreigner, who might help towards restoration, is almost complete. Here and there, especially in the southern districts, a few traders or missionaries hang on, but generally speaking it is a forbidden land. It is the only province which the missionaries have not attempted to reoccupy since the general evacuation last spring.

1,000 Non-Combatants Killed.

When other disturbed provinces were settling down to some sort of order during August and September, and both missionaries and traders were returning cautiously and in small numbers to the interior, pillage and massacre of the Chinese were being carried on in Honan, followed by the looting and burning of missionary properties by Feng's troops. The massacre at Changtefu (Changteho) on August 28th, when nearly 1,000 non-combatants were slain in the streets by the Kuominchun, was followed by the burning of many buildings and the slaughter of villagers for three miles on either side of the railway all the way from Changte to Weihui.

Unhappy Weihui.

The City of Weihui boasts a cotton mill, and in the mill the troops killed 200 workmen who were said to be members of secret societies. About September 1st these soldiers of Feng's Third Army began to loot the residences of the missionaries of the United Church of Canada. There are 12 of these at Weihui. On September 4th they burned the largest residence, which was used as a school for the missionaries' children, with its contents. After that they completed the looting of eight other adjoining residences, and also the hospital and dispensary. The contents of these buildings were carried out to the bank of the adjacent river, and there sold for about 3s. a pair. Caretakers left by the missionaries to look after the buildings and property were driven out of the compound, which was occupied by the soldiers. Wealthy Chinese homes have also been looted. The use of paper money is enforced on the people. The "Red Spears" and other gangs are fighting throughout Northern Honan, and are waylaying and robbing travellers.

Missionary Opinion Of Feng.

The senior member of an important mission working in Honan says:—"Our missionaries will be kept out of Honan so long as Feng Yu Hsiang's troops are there. If Chang Tso Lin gets control our people will seek to return, at least the men, to survey the position, but under present conditions it is impossible." In view of the history of this mission in Honan, the devoted character of its workers and their freedom from political bias, this is a striking sequel to the enthusiasm with which Feng and his army were formerly regarded in missionary circles.—*North China Daily News.*

KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.

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Under date of November 29th. The Tongshan correspondent of the *Peking and Tientsin Times* writes:—

I visited Tangchiachwang yesterday on business. The town is 8 li from Kuyeh. In the north section there are tall houses which are the dwelling quarters of the senior staff of the Kailan Mining Administration. At the extreme north there is a large water-pump, and towards the south there is a Higher Primary School for boys, a social club, and a school for girls. In the south section there are dwelling quarters for the clerical staff and the labourers.

These houses and their compound walls are built of bricks and stones and are unusually strong. Electric lamps are installed in each house, and there is water-pump in every street. Business is prosperous and the houses are all occupied. Although the Kailan Mining Administration constantly build more houses, yet they do not seem to be sufficient to meet the need.

The south side of the railroad can also be divided into the east and the west sections. In the east section there are the contractors' and the coolies' quarters. On the east side of the compound there is one big bath-house for the labourers, and at the north side, a street in which estables are sold. On the west side is located the Tangchiachwang Mining Administration. Entering the Mining Compound, I sent my card to the Engineer-in-Charge. This engineer, whose name is Fernand Huge, is a Belgian. He is kind, entertaining, philanthropic, and has worked for the promotion of education. He explained to me the drawings of the mine and said that the daily output of coal was over 2,000 tons, and the number of labourers, both on the surface and under the ground, were 3,400. There are 50 staff dwelling quarters, of which 24 consist of 2 rooms each, and the rest have 3 rooms to each quarter. There are 16 contractors' quarters having 10 rooms in each quarter.

The shafts are three in number, the deepest shaft being 730 feet deep.

It is said that the ashes of coal from this mine is as fine as ashes of incense, and without clinker. The pump-water which comes from a well 1,200 feet deep is already pure and drinkable without going through any filter. The natives of Tangchiachwang also use this water. With very pure air and a sufficient supply of daily necessities Tangchiachwang is an enjoyable place for the people living there. It is but four years since the opening of the mine. Can we not say that such improvement is a result of modern science?

TIN SHORTAGE.

LORD ASKWITH AND NEW FIELDS.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the London Tin Syndicate Ltd., of which he is chairman, Lord Askwith referred to proposals to control the price of tin and to the threat of a tin famine. He said they were in warm sympathy with the principles of stabilisation, but it should be clearly understood that the proposals which were now being discussed did not originate within their group. The present situation in regard to the supply of tin was not without considerable danger, and any further set-back in the price of the metal, however temporary its nature, could only increase the menace of a famine. It became more and more obvious that any equitable basis of co-operative selling would, if such could be agreed, without other remedies, solve the by no means abstruse problem of stabilisation, and it might be noted that the production of tin was almost entirely confined within four reserves—Malaya, the Dutch East Indies, Bolivia, and Nigeria. The Empire alone produced more than 40 per cent. of the total, and the Dutch and the Bolivians, collectively, furnished as much again. If was their business to postpone, so far as lay in their power, the threatened shortage by the exploitation of new sources of supply.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Yachting: Ladies' 4th Championship Race.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Debate: "That young men and women to-day are less serious than they were 25 years ago," at St. Peter's Chuch Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Good and Naughty."

World Theatre: "Three Miles Up," and "Shoulder Arms."

Star Theatre: "The Limited Mail."

Principal Mails: — Inward: Europe *via* Negapatam, papers (*Takliwa*); U.S.A., etc. (*President Taft*).

Tuesday.

Settlement Day, H.K. Stock Exchange.

Kowloon Junior School Prize Distribution by Mrs. Cock at the School, Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club 2nd XI. *v.* H.K.S.R.A., Marina Ground, 5 p.m.

Peak School prize giving, by Lady Clementi, Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.

Cinema Entertainment, Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Dockyard Rec. Club dance, Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Rocking Moon."

World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Star Theatre: "Honesty the best Policy."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Siberia (*Paul Lecat*). Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles, etc. (*Paul Lecat*), 2.30 p.m.; America, Canada, etc., Europe *via* San Francisco and *via* Siberia (*President Jackson*), 5 p.m.

Wednesday.

11th Ordinary General Meeting of Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Building, 2 p.m.

Fanling Hunt: Meet at Hunters' Arms, 2.45 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club 1st XI. *v.* Wanderers, U.S.R.C., 4.45 p.m.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club annual general meeting, Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Rocking Moon."

World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Star Theatre: "Honesty the best Policy."

Principal Mails: — Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (*Tango Maru*), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday.

9th Ordinary yearly meeting of the China Light and Power Co. (1916), Ltd., St. George's Building, noon.

Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m., and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."

World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."

Friday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club "A" *v.* University, King's Park, 5 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Concert for Services, City Hall.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."

World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Suez (*Devanha*).

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LONDON, Dec. 17th.

The Banking Commission appointed by the Irish Free State Government on March 26th, in the final report, recommends a coinage based on and equal to the British pound sterling, and a banking system similar to that of Britain and the United States, based on a gold standard.

THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

GERMANY'S PAYMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 16th.

"Reparations and other problems depending thereon will not be finally solved till Germmany is given a definite task to perform on its own responsibility without the present safeguards," concludes Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments, in reporting on the third Dawes annuity year.

He is optimistic about the present and future payments and points out that Germany had paid loyally, punctually and fully though the Budgets of the Reich and many of the States are unsoundly balanced. He concludes that it is encouraging to find the German Government already financially reformed somewhat.

The report shows that Britain has received 538,000,000 gold marks; France, 767,000,000; Italy, 107,000,000; and Belgium, 97,000,000.

WAR DEBTS TO U.S.

"A REMARKABLE FACT."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16th.

Many of the newspapers here comment on the remarkable fact that of the sum of $96,000,000 received yesterday by the United States' Treasury from eight foreign governments on account of debts to the United States, all, but $3,000,000, was paid by Great Britain.

ARGENTINE MINISTER.

ENTERTAINED IN LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16th.

The Foreign Secretary (Sir Austen Chamberlain) and Lady Chamberlain gave a luncheon to-day in honour of Dr. Gallardo, the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is paying an unofficial visit to London.

INDIAN TARIFF.

A REVISION URGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 16th.

The annual conference of the European Association has passed a resolution urging the Indian Government to revise the existing tariff.

SOVIET MISSION TO U.S.

ADMITTED AFTER LONG ENQUIRY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16th

After a long hearing before a special Board of Enquiry at Long Island, the Soviet Mission of 19 industrial mining experts has been permitted to land under a $500 bond.

It is announced that the delegation is visiting the United States with a view to purchasing "a million dollars worth" of machinery.

FILMS BILL.

AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16th.

The House of Commons has agreed to the Lords' amendment to the Films Bill, and it now only needs the Royal Assent.

IRAK'S PREMIER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16th.

Mr. Jafar Pasha el Askari, the Prime Minister of Irak, left London for Baghdad this afternoon.

THE RUBBER MARKET.

PROSPECTS FOR 1928.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Reporting upon the Rubber position Messrs. Carroll Bros. state:—The market tone at the moment is fairly hopeful, but reactions are inevitable in any but bad markets, so that, if rubber's flight is to be continued, we must expect periodically to see quite healthy arrests, whereas the present one would appear to be particularly healthy, in view of the fact that London Stocks came down at one time about 5,000 tons.

If the Rubber Companies succeed in getting an average of 1/8 per pound for their production—a rate which even the American tyre companies now seem to admit is fair—very handsome dividends will be distributed to shareholders. In view of the fact that the Colonial Office has now set all fears at rest regarding scrapping the Restriction Scheme, and that the Straits Settlements Legislature is determined to tighten the loose parts of the plan, it will not be surprising to find that the 1928 average for raw rubber will work out to over 1/9 per pound. Thus handsome distributions are already assured and, provided nothing untoward takes place, next year promises to vie with 1925—the year of the last boom.

Rubber shares are quoted as follow:—

Allenbys	$3.10
Glenealies	3.10
Jimahs	2.75
Kedahs	4.30
Malaka Pindas	2.70
Pajams	2.75

Kampong Kamunting Tin Dredging Co. have declared a dividend of 1/6 per share.

STAGNANT!

ANOTHER DULL REPORT.

LOCAL IMPORTS PRICES.

Market dull, nothing doing, another quiet fortnight, and market completely stagnant, are some of the familiar phrases which again occur in the fortnightly price current and market report of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, issued on Saturday.

Dealing with imports, the report states:—

COTTON PIECE GOODS AND FANCY COTTON GOODS:—Market dull, nothing doing. The latest quotations are those of the 14th inst. Eg. Sakel. 17.00d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.46d.

COTTON YARN:—Another quiet fortnight with no business to speak of having taken place. Prices are on the easier side.

Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s. $170/190. No. 12s. $175/190. No. 16s. $190/195. No. 20s. $200/205. Arrivals *Nil.* Shipments *Nil.* Sales 100 bales. Unsold stocks 3,500 bales. Bargains 10,100 bales.

WOOLLENS:—Market completely stagnant both as regards clearances and fresh business. Requirements for June, July, August shipment have not yet been filled and it is unlikely that anything will be done in this direction until substantial clearances have been made.

RAW COTTON:—Nothing doing.

METALS:—Dull. No business.

FLOUR MARKET REPORT:—Stock: American, 500,000 bags; Canadian, 150,000 bags; Australian, 10,000 bags; Total 660,000. Market: Large stocks with very small sales. Quotations: American Patent, $4.25-4.30 per sack; American Strait, $3.00-3.20 per sack; American Cut off, $3.05-3.65 per sack. Australian No. 1, $3.50-3.70 per sack. Canadian Cut off, $3.00-3.05 per sack; Canadian Straight, $2.95-3.00 per sack; Canadian Mixture, $2.85 per sack; Canadian 2nd Clear, $2.75.

SUGAR:—Market quiet.

SALTPETRE:—Stocks 18,000 bags. Serious news from Canton brought the market to a complete standstill.

LEANING TOWER OF PISA.

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

MILAN, November 13th.

The stability of the Leaning Tower of Pisa has been the subject of periodical alarm for many years, and a few months ago fresh fears were expressed for its safety. Two commissions were then appointed to reconsider the problem raised by the very slowly increasing list of the monument.

The members now announce that the Campanile is in no danger for the present or for the immediate future, but that it is necessary that steps be taken to eliminate all concern as to its stability. After a careful examination of the monument a scheme of preparatory work to be begun as soon as possible has been drawn up. The measures agreed upon include a geological and geometrical service, soundings, a reinforcement of the base, and the diversion of the waters which flow in its vicinity.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 17TH, 1927.

H.K. Bank	$1,150 buy. & sa.
Do., London	£122 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21½ buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£33 nom.
Do. C.	£14½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£10 nom.
East Asia Bank	$62 nom.
Canton Insurance	$575 buy.
Union Insurance	$293 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 143 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $46½ buy.
China Underwriters	$1.40 sa.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$655 buy.
Douglases	$40½ buy.
Steamboats	$20½ buy
H.K. Tugs	$2 buy., 2½ sel.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$30 nom.
Do. (Def.)	$48 nom.
Shell Transports	90/- nom.
Waterboats	$17 buy.
Benguets	$2½ nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	80/- nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 18½ buy.
Do. (single)	Tls. 10 buy.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 2½ buy., 2.90 sel.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 6.05 buy.
Banks	$31½ nom.
Tronoh Mines	£17/6 buy.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$125 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	$31½ sa.
China Providents	$3.40 buy.
Hongkews	Tls. 158 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5 sel.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 90 nom.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7.05 nom.
Orientals	Tls. 1½ nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 46½ buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 22½ buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$7 buy., 7½ sel. 7.15 sa.
H.K. Lands	$60½ buy.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 124 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$13.85 buy.
Hong Kong Realties	$7½ buy.
H.K. Territorials	$1½ nom.
H.K. Tramways	$21½ buy., 21.80 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	$14 sel.
Do. (new)	$7 sel.
Star Ferries	$58 buy.
China Lights (comb.)	$13.40 buy. & sa.
Do. (old)	$9.85 buy.
Do. (new)	$3.40 buy.
H.K. Electrics	$58½ sa.
Macao Electrics	$44 buy.
Telephones	$3.90 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 6½ nom.
Singapore Tractions	11/9 buy.
China Sugars	$7½ buy.
Malabon Sugars	$30 sel.
Canton Ices	$2½ buy.
Cements (combined)	$6.90 sel. & sa.
Do. (old)	$6.60 nom.
Do. (new)	$0.70 buy., 1 sel.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$5 buy.
Do. (new)	$1 nom.
United Asbestos	$10 sel.
Dairy Farms	$14½ buy. & sa.
Watsons	$11 nom.
Def. A. Wings	$6 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$2½ buy.
Mackintoshs	$23 sel.

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EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 16th.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.07½
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.60
Helsingfors	193¾
Lisbon	2 27/64
Bucharest	790
Buenos Aires	47¼
New York	4.88 5/32
Geneva	25.28
Milan	90
Stockholm	18.08
Oslo	18.24½
Prague	164¾
Madrid	29.28
Athens	366
Rio	5 29/32
Bombay	1/6 3/32
Shanghai	2/7⅞
Yokohama	1/10 11/16
Hong Kong	2/0 11/16
Silver (spot)	23 13/16
Silver (forward)	23 11/16

Sinceres	$75 buy.
Wm. Powells	$3 buy.
H.K. Amusements	$20 buy.
H.K. Constructions	$1½ sel.
B'que. Indus. G. Bonds	56⅞ buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. nom.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.

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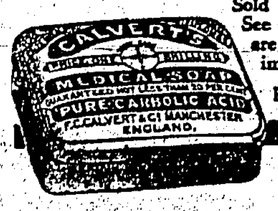

"RAFFLES" OF REAL LIFE.

FIRST "CAT" BURGLAR.

WIFE'S £28,000 FORTUNE SQUANDERED.

SEVEN YEARS' SENTENCE.

Robert Augustus Delaney, the original "cat" burglar and master criminal, who is the nearest approach in real life to the celebrated Raffles of fiction, ended a brief spell of liberty in the dock at Derby Assizes, where he was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

Delaney had only recently been released after serving a long term of imprisonment for an extensive series of daring "cat" burglaries on London mansions.

Mystery Visits.

He went from prison to Swineshead, in Lincolnshire, where he once owned one of the finest farms in the county and lived the life of a gentleman farmer, interrupted by mysterious visits to London which coincided with sensational crimes which for long baffled Scotland-yard.

Delaney and a young motor-driver named James Brown were tried at Derby for the theft of a motor-car and safe at Swineshead. Brown was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for his share of the crime, and the judge dealt much more severely with Delaney when he had heard from the police some of the astonishing details of the master thief's life of crime.

Delaney is one of the most remarkable criminals whose portrait is to be found in the Rogues' Gallery at Scotland-yard. He is a tall, dark, handsome man, only thirty-two years of age, with ingratiating manners and expensive tastes.

Gang Leader.

He led a gang of dangerous Australian and South African criminals in raid after raid on the houses of wealthy and famous persons with such skill and audacity that it was months before he fell into the hands of Scotland-yard.

It is typical of the Raffles-like character of the man that he usually wore evening dress on his housebreaking expeditions, and that he sedulously cultivated the acquaintance of the wealthy women whose jewels he had marked down for his spoils.

Delaney spent his time in London at the most expensive hotels and restaurants, and squandered the proceeds of his crimes in extravagant living.

He dissipated one fortune of £28,000 that came into his hands through his early marriage with the widow of a well-to-do Lincolnshire farmer, and he wrecked the lives of many other women.

Delaney was born in Capetown, and came to England in 1914 as a gunner in a siege battery of the South African forces. He was married the following year, and after the war he paid £22,500 for the Lincolnshire farm, where he tried to establish himself as a country gentleman.

He paid £50 or £60 a week in wages and lived in imposing style. He even planned to start a pack of hounds become a Master of the Hunt. He bought a number of hunters, but by this time he was ostracised by the county families, and he had to ride the country lanes alone.

It was not long before he tired of life in the country, and in London he found himself attracted to the haunts of the underworld, where he began to replenish his diminishing resources by frauds, cheque forgeries, and burglaries.

Then he found that his true metier in crime lay in utilising his amazing prowess as a trained athlete and gymnast.

Delaney could swarm up drainpipes like a monkey, and could climb to dizzy heights in an incredibly short time. It was he who originated the "cat" method of burglary, and he soon gathered around him a number of criminals nearly as agile as himself.

Caught Red-Handed.

He and his gang set Scotland yard a defiance for months. Detectives patrolled West London night after night in search of "cat" burglars who climbed up walls and over roofs after their spoils, but the police were without a real clue until Delaney was caught red handed in the garden of the Overseas Club, in Park-place, St. James'.

When he was tried at the Old Bailey and sentenced by the Recorder to three and a half years' penal servitude he was also charged with breaking into Lady Northcote's house in James'-place, and with attempting to rob the Duke of Rutland's home in Arlington-street, but these were only comparatively minor incidents in his criminal life.

He posed in London as a rich ex-officer and had passed himself off as "Captain Craddock" in famous clubs.

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Women fell easy victims to his suave flattery and polished manner. He is said to have had almost an hypnotic effect on those who became his dupes.

Delaney is said to have found keen enjoyment in his adventures in crime, and he had a perverted sense of humour that he liked to gratify in an audacious way.

It is related that once he gave a large dinner party at a fashionable hotel. Ten minutes before the arrival of one of his guests he had climbed the stack-pipe of her house and robbed her of her jewels.

Then he spent a thoroughly amusing evening condoling with his guest on her unfortunate loss. —*Daily Express.*

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

CHEERFUL AND BUOYANT.

BUYERS PREDOMINATE.

In their weekly review of the local share market dated Friday, Messrs. Benjamin & Potts say: "Cheerful and buoyant conditions have prevailed. There is a further improvement not only in the appreciation of stocks, but also in a larger volume of business. Buyers predominate and in spite of some profit-taking, there is no sign of weakness.

The following are the principal alterations:—

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks were bid up to $1,160, but close easier with buyers at $1,150. The London quotation is £121.10.0 (middle).

Unions were done at $293 and continue in request. Hong Kong Fires are a strong market and the price has made further headway to $660. Cantons are again higher with buyers at $575. Underwriters were booked at the improved price of $1.50.

Douglas Steamships have continued their rise and are in demand at $40. Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are in good demand with buyers at $20½. Star Ferries closed appreciably higher at $59. Tugs and Lighters have also improved and are wanted at $2. Waterboats are enquired for at $17. Kowloon Wharves changed hands up to $126½ and $136½.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels moved up to $7.40 but eased off towards the close to $7½. Hong Kong Lands were favoured again and advanced further to $60. Realtys were placed at the outset at $7½, and have buyers at this rate. Humphreys Estates were put through at $14. Hong Kong Trams were dealt in up to $22.

China Lights (Combined) have shown renewed strength and were negotiated at $13.40. A dividend of 40 cents on the old shares and 16 cents on the new has been declared. Hong Kong Electrics have been in strong demand and the price has further risen to $58½. Hong Kong Telephones fetched $4. Green Island Cements took a spurt to $7½, but are easier again with enquiries at $6.00. China Providents were sold at $3½. Hong Kong Amusements are the turn higher at $20.

Hong Kong Government Loans can probably be placed at 5 per cent. premium.

THE QUEEN IN AN APRON.

CHECKING GARMENTS FOR SICK & POOR.

LUNCHEON WITH HELPERS.

Privileged visitors to the Imperial Institute at South Kensington last month saw the Queen, an apron over her black dress, helping to check and sort the thousands of garments which have been collected by members of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild for distribution among London's sick and poor.

When she arrived she went straight to a room to take off her coat and have an apron tied over her dress.

The handful of women who work with her at this task each year met her in one of the long galleries where the parcels of garments have been accumulated and stored and there were very few formalities before the business of checking began.

The Queen's own things and the contributions of the Royal Family were dealt with by a lady-in-waiting. There are gifts—mostly useful clothing for boys and men—from the King, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, and Prince George. Princess Mary, who is one of the Presidents of the Guild, has her own contribution and her own parcels of goods.

The Queen and all the helpers had luncheon together in one of the rooms at the institute—a happy, informal little meal at which conversation was general—and she not only talked herself of little incidents connected with the work and of various holiday experiences but also questioned her guests upon all kinds of subjects.

HERCULANEUM.

PREPARING FOR THE EXPLORATION.

REMOVAL OF LAYERS OF LAVA.

NAPLES.

The task of excavating Herculaneum is one of infinitely greater difficulty than that presented by Pompeii. Not only is the volcanic matter imprisoning the former far harder, but the problem is complicated by the fact that the modern villages of Portici and Resina have been built over the site formerly occupied by the ancient city. A commission has been appointed to find a new home for every inhabitant dislodged by the excavators.

The work is still in its preparatory stages. Since Prince Elbeuf, of the French house of Lorraine, accidentally discovered Herculaneum in 1719 numerous attempts to retrieve the buried treasures have been made. Vertical pits, varying in depth from 60ft. to 90ft., were dug, and from these horizontal tunnels pushed out in all directions. Most of these tunnels were afterwards filled in or abandoned, and it is, therefore, necessary first to chart them accurately to discover which sections of the city still remain unprobed.

Fountains of Pompeii.

Work is also being pushed forward in the exposed section of Herculaneum lying between Resina and the sea. It consists in removing the top layers of volcanic matter over a wide area, exposing what is known as the "archæological stratum," which will be explored later.

Pompeii long ago yielded its richest treasures and its lure consists in the accurate picture it presents of life in Roman days. By the method of excavation first introduced by Professor Spinazzola, everything discovered is left in the exact position in which it was found, and the buildings are partly restored step by step as the excavation progresses. The plants and shrubs, identified by the plaster casts of their roots, have been replaced in their former positions in ancient gardens. Pipes leading water to the fountains have been put into use again, and the fountains are playing as they did 2,000 years ago.

New discoveries are being made in Pompeii all the time. The most recent include a mural painting which gives the first authentic representation of how the ancient "cochlea," the water-raising system supposed to have been invented by Archimedes, was operated.

Hopes Of Rich Treasure.

As opposed to Pompeii, Herculaneum remains a city of mystery and unbounded possibilities. One villa alone, the Villa Suburbana, supposed to have belonged to Lucius Calpurnius Piso Cæsoninus, Cæsar's father-in-law, yielded such treasures as the reposing Hermes, the drunken Silenus, the statue of Aristides, the sleeping Faunus, the dancing girls, the quoit throwers, and busts of Plato and Seneca.

The existence of one such villa argues the possibility that there may be others.

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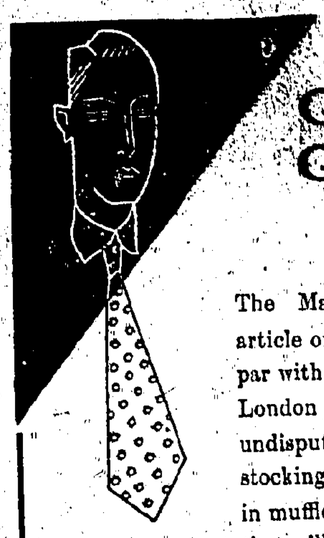

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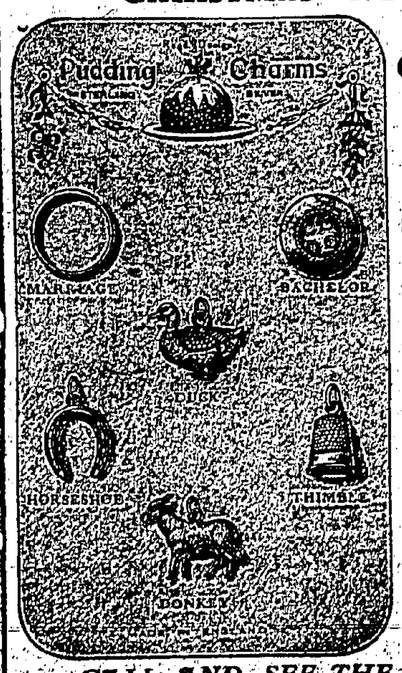

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ALLEGED TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS.

CHARGE AGAINST CHRISTIE AND BLUHM WITHDRAWN.

BOTH RE-ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

There was an unexpectedly sudden ending to the charge of trafficking in Morphia brought against James Christie, an ex-Colonel of the British Army, and a Litvian, named Christopher Bluhm, when the hearing was resumed at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning.

The case has been before Mr. R. E. Lindsell several times and has been fully reported in these columns. His Worship announced on Saturday that the charge could not be sustained, and defendants were accordingly discharged, but they were re-arrested on leaving th Court precincts on a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

Following an interview between Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask (defending), Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) and Mr. R. E. Lindsell, His Worship, on taking his seat on the bench, said that as indicated in Chambers he had gone into the evidence both for the prosecution, and for the defence. He had given both sides very careful consideration, but although he believed the evidence of the first witness for the prosecution (the Chinese police reservist, Au Yeung), he had come to the conclusion that there was no genuine offer to provide morphia and therefore no charge under the Drug Ordinance could hold water.

His Worship added that in his opinion the morphia was purely a blind used by the accused to obtain money from the prospective Chinese buyer. His Worship suggested that the charge be altered to one of criminal conspiracy to defraud.

His Worship further said that the charge under the Drug Ordinance could be amended and the case proceeded with on the evidence already given, or the defence could obtain a discharge on the present charge and defendants be tried for criminal conspiracy to defraud before present charge and defendants be tried for criminal conspiracy to defraud before another Magistrate.

His Worship discharged both defendants, and Christie immediately left the dock.

With regard to Bluhm, His Worship said that there was a further charge against him of being in the Colony without a passport, and on this charge he would be formally remanded until 10 a.m. to-morrow (Tuesday).

Bluhm was then escorted from Court by a European detective.

Christie remained in Court for a while talking with Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, but in the meanwhile detectives kept a strict watch both inside and outside the Court, and when he left the precincts of the Court he was at once placed under arrest and charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud.

ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

Poste Restante Correspondence.

Dr. E. A. Aylward, G. Alie, E. Bruner, Mr. Jack Blake, Y. Costan, A. G. Corbin (Master Mariner), Mr. and Mrs. F. Chubb, G. P. Daswani, Mr. E. J. Douglas, Colonel H. S. Eliot, H. M. Epstein, B. Grimm & Co., H. Goodhart, C. F. Garstin, R. H. Hawkins, E. High (Signaller), R. F. Lazaruo, J. L. Lynam, Mrs. H. Vander Linde (Salvation Army), Maurice Littleboy, Mr. and Mrs. R. Laug, Colvin Lee, Madame S. Masalskaja, W. M. Muench, H. R. Meyer, Mrs. M. Moffatt, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. Helen Duff Cochrane Nicholson, M. M. Ramos, R. Scraffa, W. Shakespeare, Miss E. Stieglitz, Charles Trimm, R. Thomson, Mr. B. E. A. Van, Mrs. W. G. Worcester, W. C. Watson.

Unpaid Correspondence.

C. Elkus (H.K. Hotel), W. S. Leonard (H.K. Hotel).

Registered Articles.

J. Del. C. Aldegner, Mrs. Hobart Allan, R. Bluhm, M. L. Brodie (s.s. Armanestan), A. E. Chapman (c/o American Consulate), C. C. Deacon (1 Ins. Letter), Mrs. M. B. Draper (c/o American Consulate), H. F. Gresham (H.K. Hotel), Mrs. M. Katzinger, Kwok Su, Northern S.S. Co., S. W. K. Popper, Raphael Bros. & Co., F. Russo.

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M. DURAND AND MME. FLINT.

APPLICATION FOR BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE.

ENTIRELY PREMATURE.

When Mr. J. L. Durand and Madame Flint (partners in the Café Restaurant Parisien and other associated businesses) applied at the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday morning for the discharge from bankruptcy, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) both expressed the opinion that the application was very premature.

Mr. D. L. Strellet made submissions for the creditors, and ultimately His Lordship decided to adjourn the application *sine die*.

His Lordship commented that debtors' conduct had been very favourable, and the Official Receiver said that he had given them full credit for that.

It was stated that there is an asset of $23,000, which is alleged to be due to the estate from Societe Commerciale Asie et Afrique of Paris, and the question is how much there might be for creditors.

A detailed report on the bankruptcies, which included the following:—

Assets in hand at the moment, after deducting expenses, the Official Receiver's fees and payment of 25 per cent. dividend to preferential creditors (i.e., for wages, etc.), amounted to $1,084.67.

Assetes as valued at debtors when filing their statement were down as $63,973.57.

The Official Receiver also held a small quantity of jewellery which included a diamond ring and a watch and chain.

Book debts were estimated by debtors—according to their statement of affairs—at $36,340.68, of which $3,467.49 had been collected.

Debts proved totalled $113,438.95 whereas liabilities had only been put at $77,877.62.

The applications for discharge by Mr. Durand and Madame Flint were taken together, and Mr. D. L. Strellet said that since the debtors' application for discharge from bankruptcy, the Official Receiver had reported on the matter and he would ask His Lordship to allow the proceedings to go as far as the reception of the report by the Court and then adjourn the application.

As the Official Receiver considered the application somewhat premature he asked for the adjournment so that outstanding points may receive the particular attention of the debtors.

Mr. Agassiz told His Lordship that he considered the application for discharge "entirely premature" and that it could not be satisfactorily considered.

His report, as a matter of fact, review matters at some length and he added that debtors had placed too high a value on the stock in hand, having based their figures on cost prices.

There was no foundation, continued the Official Receiver, in statements that debtors' money had not been all lost in their business.

Reference was made to amounts totalling $125,000 which debtors claimed to be gifts from the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens. The executors of the deceased lady's estate were claiming that $40,000 of this was a loan and desired to charge it against the bankrupts' estate.

The Official Receiver said that the crux of the bankruptcy lay in whether any money would be forthcoming from Paris.

His Lordship observed that debtors must be aware of the position. However, not many knew the procedure and he was rather anxious to encourage bankrupts to come forward and apply for their discharge. Ordinarily, he would not have allowed the request by Mr. Strellett for an adjournment *sine die* and it must not be taken that his order on this occasion was to be construed as a precedent. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, he agreed that the application was "very very premature."

THE CHAN TSZE CHEUK CASE.

"Substantial" Assets.

The case of Chan Tsze Cheuk, in which a ruling on what constituted substantial assets, came up again when His Lordship also announced that his consent this time must not not be considered a precedent.

Debtor had been adjudicated bankrupt. The Official Receiver then asked for the adjudicated order to be annulled. Mr. E. Davidson, for the debtor, submitted that about 7 per cent. constituted "substantial assets" but His Lordship ruled that 10 per cent. was the minimum except in exceptional circumstances, each case to be treated on its merits.

When His Lordship gave his decision, Mr. Davidson suggested that the ratio could be made up as friends were willing to help debtor with contributions.

His Lordship disapproved what he characterised as "waiting to see which way the cat would jump."

Mr. Agassiz announced that he had received an offer from friends of the debtor to increase the assets to $16,000 (by paying in a few thousand dollars) and he was agreeable that the order for adjudication should stand.

His Lordship said that he was averse to allowing the request and his consent must not be taken to have established a precedent.

PETITION DISMISSED.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes represented a petitioning creditor in the case of the Wa Shing firm of printers.

The creditors had already obtained judgment for over $400.

Debtor was absent and His Lordship called for evidence of an act of bankruptcy alleged to have been committed by debtor (the managing partner).

Mr. Andrewes submitted that the petitioning creditor had already made an affirmation but His Lordship, holding that the procedure had been established, insisted on evidence of the facts and would not hear evidence about the affirmation.

The creditor said that about forty days ago, he called on the debtor's place of business but was told that he was out. Business was being conducted by the *fokis* who said that debtor would call on him.

Debtor failed to call as promised and he, the creditor, sent his *fokis* to make inquiries. His *fokis* saw attempts to dismantle the machinery in the shop.

His Lordship said that the evidence did not serve as the petitioning creditor had not testified to facts in connection with the alleged act of bankruptcy (*i.e.*, the debtors absenting himself from his place of business).

Mr. Andrewes said that it would be to his client's advantage if His Lordship, ruling against him, dismissed the petition. In other words, the creditor would stand to gain if a receiving order was not made.

Mr. Agassiz said that the creditor would take all the assets.

At the conclusion of the evidence, His Lordship said: "No, I must dismiss the petition."

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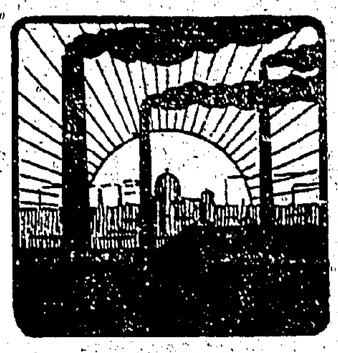

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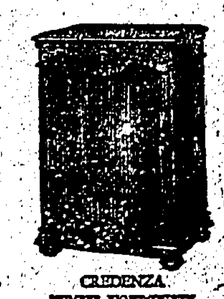

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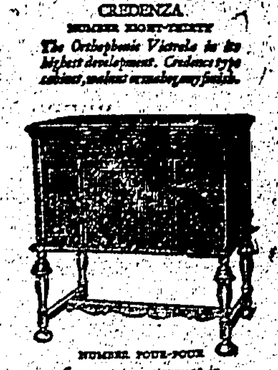

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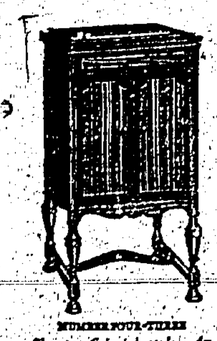

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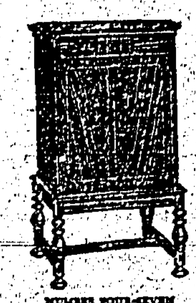

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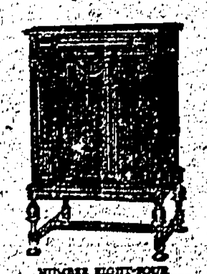

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LI FOOK LAM'S PROCLAMATION.

I WILL DIE WITH THE PEOPLE OF CANTON IF THE COMMUNISTS SUCCEED.

APPEAL FOR WORLD SYMPATHY IN HIS TASK.

RENEWED ATTACKS BY REDS EXPECTED.

General Li Fook Lam, the gallant Governor of Honam, to whom credit is mainly due for the retaking of Canton from the Reds has issued this proclamation, which he asks should be given publicity in the foreign press.

After passing briefly over the manner in which he led troops across the river General Li Fook Lam continues:—

"Viewing the City of Canton, which is now largely in ruins with dead and wounded in all the districts, I could not help mourning. . . . Canton is now being restored to order but . . . the outer world may say that the Canton Government and people belong to the Communist Party, and, those seeking their own advantage will, with the aid of Communists attack on both sides, and we will be in great danger.

I Fook Lam, having followed the President Sun for 30 years cannot admit this change. . . . I will live with the Canton people if the Communists are destroyed, and will die with them if the Communists succeed. This is my only thought and aim.

THE PROCLAMATION.

The proclamation is as follows:—

While the troops are defending the boundaries, Canton was in lack of protection. Taking advantage of this, the communists attacked the Public Welfare Department and various Police Stations and other departments. They established the Soviet Government and ransacked the whole city, setting fire to business estates and cruelly killing inhabitants. This lasted for two days and nights. Luckily the troops gathered again in time and earnestly set to work to destroy them.

I, Fook Lam, taking my troops and the Fourth Army and the newly enlisted Second and Third Division, crossed the river and fought against the Communists, and in a very short period they were completely destroyed. But viewing the city of Canton which is now largely in ruins with dead and wounded in all the districts, I could not help mourning. Judging the original cause, it was due to activities of the communists and over a long period they have established the roots of the trouble. But its immediate cause was due to a few unfaithful soldiers who conspired with communists and started the trouble, and thus this great disaster was caused. I, Fook Lam, though protecting the Honam Island was not molested, but cannot repuniate my own fault in lack of perception in this matter.

Soon after the commotion, General Cheung Fat Fui, Wong Kee Cheong and Chan Kung Pok tried to save the situation. Canton is now being restored to order but the people of Canton have greatly suffered. I am afraid the outer world, not understanding the real facts of this trouble, may say that the Canton Government and the Canton people belong to the Communist Party, and, taking advantage of this, those who seek for their own selfish advantage will, with the aid of communists, attack us on both sides and we will be in great danger. I, Fook Lam, thinking little of my own position, have always wished to retire, but owing to constant troubles in Canton I could not slack in my duty, and I thus kept to my post. But if this untrue charge is levied against our Government, I, Fook Lam, having followed the late President Sun for thirty years and obeyed in the principles, cannot admit this charge, but will take up the responsibility and fight faithfully for the cause. I will live with the Canton people if the communists are destroyed and will die with them if the Communists succeed. I realise that for myself there is nothing except my country and my party, and in spite of all other elements I will fight and live for them. This is my only thought and aim, and I hope all will see to it and help me to untie the knot of trouble. This is my hope and wish to all of my beloved countrymen.

FURTHER FIGHTING EXPECTED.

FOREIGNERS WARNED.

A Naval wireless message of December 17th shows that the danger to Canton has by no means passed and British subjects in the vicinity of Canton have been warned to leave. Further Red attacks are expected.

The message states:—

CANTON, December 17th.

Situation uneasy.

There are rumoured conflicts between the Canton military leaders and further Red attacks.

The Chinese are taking valuables into the Concession for safety.

British subjects in the vicinity of Canton have been advised by the Consul-General to take refuge.

FATE OF THE VILLAGES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The catastrophe resulting from the "Red" upheaval in Canton City was a trifle in comparison with what has happened at villages like Hokching to which the remnants of the "Reds" fled and where a struggle between the village volunteers and the Bolshevik clique has resulted in practically wiping out all the inhabitants. Apart from Canton City, the "Reds" also established a reign of terror in towns along the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway and other lines leading from Canton, but the Press correspondents have centred their interest in the City proper. What has been written of Canton in its darkest hour may be applicable to the villages and towns partly or wholly destroyed, except that in the villages, the local volunteers did their best to defend their lives and homes, while in Canton City, past "Red" administrations have made it almost impossible for an ordinary citizen to have a license to carry arms, while union pickets and strike promoters, professional politicians, labour leaders, and others have been able to possess the most dangerous weapons for incendiarism and explosion.

ESTIMATES OF THE DAMAGE.

Latest figures roughly compiled in connection with the "Red" massacre and destruction in Canton, December 11th-13th, give the number of "Red" troops, workers, peasants, and students participating in the work of murder and depredation as not more than 6,000. The number of houses burned, according to the Fire Brigades, is 1,700. The cost of property, destroyed including the buildings and the merchandise they contained, is estimated at $55,000,000.

CASUALTIES AND EXECUTIONS.

The corpses carted away from Canton streets alone, up to December 16th, numbered more than 700 photographed and recorded before burial by a committee of hospital authorities. These do not include those identified and given proper funeral by relatives and friends. At least 1,200 were killed in the uprising and in the subsequent retaliatory measures. Very few actual "Reds," it is said, were among the dead. Some of the boy and girl students shot were participating in parades of which they did not know the object. They thought they were similar demonstrations to those in which they had participated before from time to time.

NO COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

No one appears to be filling the post of Commissioner of Police of Canton since the resignation of General Chu Fai Yat. The two officials appointed have both declined the offer. The Commissioner of Police is a scapegoat for everybody. He has to enforce the collection of all obnoxious taxes and contributions imposed by the military and civil authorities in the imposition of which he does not necessarily have a voice. The people regarded him as the official who actually exacts the money from them. Moreover, he has in custody all the political prisoners entrusted to him by authorities whose frequent changes have made them forget to take any action regarding them, but the Police Commissioner has no authority either to free or dispose of them according to legal process.

(Continued on next Column.)

THE LATEST NEWS.

WARNING TO FOREIGNERS.

145 EXECUTIONS YESTERDAY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Foreign Consulates in Shameen have given orders that all their nationals in Tungshan, a community where many foreigners have their homes and there are several missions and schools, should come to Shameen without delay. It is feared that there will be further troubles in the City proper.

Yesterday, at least 145 Reds were executed in Canton.

The Political Council have ordered the proscription of all labour unions, except those affiliated with the Central Labour Union, the Mechanics Union, the Revolutionary Labour Union, the Railway Men's Union.

Practically all leading officials in Canton, including Commissioner Hsieh Ying Pak of Labour and acting Mayor Kan Nei Kuang of Canton, has offered to resign owing to their failure to prevent the "Red" revolt.

General Sit Ok, an officer of the 4th Army Corps in Canton, has issued a statement expressing his willingness to submit to the judgment of the Fourth Session of the Kuomintang Conference with regard to his share of responsibility for allowing the "Red" uprising. He claimed that his men had shot down more than twenty Russians and over a thousand Chinese "Reds," besides taking into captivity an equal number. One of the members of the Soviet Consulate was also arrested.

The Committee looking after the gathering of corpses from the streets put the number of over 1,500.

KWANGTUNG & KWANGSI RIVALRY.

HOPES OF A SETTLEMENT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Chen Ming Shu, of the 11th Army Corps in Foochow, Fukien, is expected in Hong Kong to consult with representatives of General Li Tsai Hsin for a statement of the whole question of the control of Canton. They may bring about an amicable settlement without affecting the dominion of Honam, which will be understood as Li Fook Lam, without further dispute.

If there is a settlement between the Kwangsi party and the new Kwangtung party, it means that General Wong Kie Cheung will have to go.

In view of the possible conflict between the new and the old Kwangtung Clique, further fighting in Canton City is possible, and to avoid further suffering, all who can do so are seeking refuge, and this explains a renewal of the exodus from Canton to Hong Kong and elsewhere during the last two days.

According to Kwangsi reports the Kwangsi troops marching against Kwangtung have reached Dosing, below Wuchow, and they are aiming at the City.

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE?

Who are those really responsible for the Canton "Red" upheaval is a question still variably answer. In Canton, the present Authorities have laid the blame on the Soviet Consulate. According to General Chang Fat Fui, General Li Fook Lam, and Mr. Chan Kung Pok, members of the Political Council still functioning in the South Capital, some 15 Russians have been executed for participating in the destructive movement and it is announced that arms and seditious literature have been captured from the Soviet Consulate. Indirectly it is being alleged that disappointed and unemployed ex-army officers have misused the "Red" power for their own selfish ambition and to create a situation in which they might regain power in Canton.

HOW CANTON IS HELD DOWN.

Why don't the Cantonese rouse themselves and kick out the present party is a question still unanswered. The difficulty has been that the Cantonese workers, students, farmers, and ovessens Chinese along the open-ports in Kwangtung first supported the party and believed it to be one of the government of, by, and for the people. Now thousands of followers of this party have become professional officials, soldiers, and labour agitators. They have made themselves so powerful and have organised themselves to make the people accept the government they established and to oppose all others as "counter-revolutionaries." With strong censorship of the Press and giving no others an opportunity to preach republicanism and democracy with their territory, the "Reds," through their thorough organisation of the workers, farmers, students, and women, and by their systematic and effective propaganda, have been several years the dominating influence in this part of China.

THE MILITARISTS' GRIP.

VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT IMPRACTICABLE?

MR. CHAN LIM PAK'S OPINION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The horrible murder and wanton depredations of the "Reds" have strongly impressed upon the minds of all classes in Canton the necessity of again having their own organization for self-defence; and this has naturally led them to recall the excellent service which the Canton Merchants' Volunteer Defence Corps rendered in their 13 years of existence before the 15th of October, 1924, when the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen ordered their disbandment. At one time, the people and merchants' volunteers in Canton and vicinity numbered 135,000 in 82 cities and towns units.

The last few days many delegations from Canton have called at the home in Hong Kong of Mr. Chan Lim Pak, past president of the Canton General Chamber of Commer and former commandant of the volunteers in the districts and cities of Kwangtung. Suggestions were made to him to reorganize his forces, intimating that a call issued by him would again assemble all his former forces.

Mr. Chan Lim Pak, when seen by a representative of the *Daily Press* yesterday, admitted that he had been visited by a number of representative citizens' of Kwangtung, but he did not believe that now was the time for asserting the people's rule, regretting to have to still record the fact that militarism was by no means losing power. He was of the opinion that the present strength of militarists was as great as during the time of the late Dr. Sun and that the courage and public sentiment to support such movement as he had done much to promote were still wanting. He was confident, however, that the people of China would some day be able to realize the value of self-defence and mutual co-operation and that it would not be long before the people would have their own local government.

Touching on the Canton situation, Mr. Chan Lim Pak believed that the first act towards improvement would be to clean the debris left by the fighting and to provide for the needy suffering from last week's catastrophe. The eye-sore must be removed first before one would think clearly. He saw no chance of civic reform and better government by the people for the time being. To go to Canton to do anything, however worthy it might be, would under the present circumstances be surely be misunderstood, he said, and until the people were less indifferent to public affairs and showed some desire to participate in civic activities nothing could be accomplished.

According to Mr. Chan Lim Pak, no group of militarists simply seeking for selfish gain will succeed, and he forecasts the downfall of every clique within a short time.

At the same time, he said that the merchants in South China had not been at all idle during the last few years in planning for the future. He was quite sure that the day could not be long when the people would come into their own.

When asked if he would be in business again in Canton within a year, Mr. Chan smiled.

CANTON'S DELEGATES AT SHANGHAI.

ARREST ORDERED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec, 17th.

The Nanking Nationalist Government has issued a mandate ordering that members of the Central Committee from Canton including Mr. Wang Ching Wei, Koo Meng Yu, Cheng Kung Po, Kan Nai Kwong, Wang Fa Chin, Wang Loh Ping, Yan Yung Chao, Chen Shu Jen and Ho Hsiang Yen having been charged with conspiracy against the Government be placed under surveillance and an investigation be conducted into their alleged criminal activities. The investigators to recommend the punishment to be inflicted in accordance with the discipline of the party and the law of the Nation.

WANG CHING WEI IN FLIGHT?

Evening papers here state that Wang Ching Wei left for the United States this afternoon.

TRAIN ATTACKED NEAR SWATOW.

DOZENS KILLED AND MANY WOUNDED.

FIFTY PASSENGERS TAKEN CAPTIVE.

RED PEASANTS ACTIVE IN THE DISTRICT.

[FROM OUR SWATOW CORRESPONDENT.]

SWATOW, December 14th.

There is no truth in the report that troops have been sent from Swatow to Canton. There are very few troops here; we have only had a hundred or so for many weeks. There has been no repercussion from the Canton trouble here yet, but I do not like the omens in the surrounding country.

The morning train from Swatow to Chaochowfu left here about 7 o'clock, and as it slowed up at Kuahchiu, the station beyond Chaitong-chi, an attack was launched on it by a strong force of Red farmers and peasants. Fourteen soldiers who acted as a guard for the train were all killed. Twenty passengers and one of the train staff were also killed. Many tens of others, including four of the staff, were wounded by indiscriminate firing. Nearly fifty passengers were hauled out of the train and taken away into captivity.

The driver managed to get the train going and took it up to Phuyang, where he collected a hundred soldiers and brought them back to Kuahchiu. Fighting began and is still in progress at the time of writing (noon).

LATER.

News just to hand says that 300 soldiers have been sent from Chaochowfu to Kuahchiu and some from Swatow. The odds, however, are I imagine in favour of the peasants unless more troops are forthcoming.

SWATOW, December 16th.

It is reported that the pipe line from the Waterworks has again been damaged.

These "Red" risings are not played out yet and we must expect further trouble. It is all very fine for the militarists "to clean up Reds and Communists" when they get a chance, but after all is said and done, these risings are only the natural consequence of military oppression.

The *Magnolia* leaves this afternoon for Hong Kong so that there will be no man-o'-war in Port until the H.M.S. *Somme* arrives on Tuesday (to-morrow).

UNDESIRABLES FROM CANTON.

THE POLICY PURSUED.

HONG KONG POLICE ACTION.

EACH MAN ASKED WHERE HE WISHES TO BE SENT.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, writing on Saturday, points out that the article in the *Daily Press* of that date, announcing that 25 Reds were being returned to Canton where they would meet with certain death, is incorrect and misleading.

Referring to the action taken by the Hong Kong Police, the Captain Superintendent adds:—

"In actual fact the undesirables and suspects who have been rounded up during the past few days, since the outbreak in Canton, are definitely not receiving the hospitality of the Colony; but there is no question of their going to their certain death as each man is given the opportunity of naming the destination to which he desires to be sent. I should therefore be glad if you would take the earliest opportunity to contradict the report . . . and to put the facts in their true perspective. . . . None of the persons detained have as yet left the Colony."

As is well known thousands of people have flocked into the Colony during the past week and many of them, there is little doubt, have sought refuge here after having engaged in the orgy of loot initiated by the Reds and other agitators in Canton. They cannot be refused admittance and the ordinary traffic is so large that the issuing of passports is impracticable. All the Police can do, therefore, to prevent the Colony from being over-run with undesirables is to supervise searching at the wharves and to question any suspected bad characters. Those who cannot give a reasonably good account of themselves, and obviously have no business or other connection with Hong Kong are temporarily detained. If they have no means of support they are sent back to their homes or to any destination, within reason, which they may care to select. If they do not wish to return to Canton they need not. It is unlikely that their passages would be paid to London or New York but arrangements are made for them to go almost anywhere they wish in Chinese territory.

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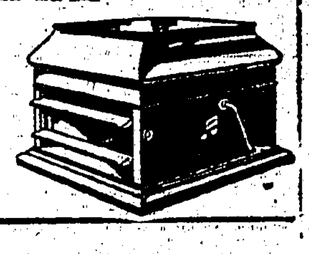

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G. F. HASLAM,
Divisional Manager.
Hong Kong, Dec. 19th, 1927. [5673

NOTICE.

WE have REMOVED our Offices to the NEW P. & O. BUILDING (4TH FLOOR), from 19TH of DECEMBER, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5671

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General Managers,
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Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5672

NOTICE.

TRADESMEN AND OTHERS ARE HEREBY WARNED that, under Section 144, Air Force Act, an Airman cannot be placed under Stoppage of Pay for a Private Debt contracted before or after Enlistment, and all Persons who give Credit to an Airman do so at Their Own Risk. [5665

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

6TH JANUARY, 1928.

MEMBERS are requested to send in their Applications for Tickets for the Ball as soon as possible to S. T. HUTLIN, c/o LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Englishmen wishing to join the Society hould apply to the above named. [5592

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

BRITISH SECTION.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and from the 20TH INSTANT, the EXPRESS TRAIN which now Leaves KOWLOON, at 3.00 P.M. will Depart Daily at 2.15 P.M. and Arrive at CANTON at 6.03 P.M.

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By Order,
ROBERT BAKER,
Manager and Chief Engineer.
Kowloon, 17th Dec., 1927. [5661.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 dated Hong Kong, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1927, for Ten Shares of this Bank numbered 56180/56189 in the Name of MR. ARNOLD RUSSELL RIVETT has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 22ND DECEMBER, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5556

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Engineer Commander,
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H.B.M. Consulate,
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The Daily Press.
HONG KONG, DECEMBER 19TH, 1927.

CANTON, SOVIET INFLUENCE AND THE FUTURE.

THE latest reports from Canton state that everything on the surface is quiet, but that there is a strong undercurrent of uneasiness. Fear is generally expressed that the trouble is not yet over, and the news from outlying districts shows that this fear is well grounded. Near Swatow a train has been held up by the members of one of the numerous Peasant organisations. A number of people were killed and over fifty passengers were taken into captivity and will presumably be held for ransom. The Swatow district has apparently been denuded of troops, and the few hundred soldiers now serving there are no match for the large bands of marauders who infest that territory. The Chinese in Canton are still taking their valuables in to Shameen for safety, and the situation is so obscure, and the hold of the Government troops on the outskirts of the City so insecure that the Consul-General has advised foreigners to leave their homes in the villages and to remain for a while within the protection of the Settlement. It would be a wise precaution for while there has not been up to the present, the slightest suggestion of anti-foreign feeling, it is becoming increasingly evident that the recent rising in Canton was not merely an ill conceived and unorganised revolt of a few thousand unemployed led on to an act of madness by the fantastic promises of labour agitators. There was something far more sinister behind it, and it is doubtful whether the real leaders have yet been captured. If these leaders are still at large it would be foolish to delude ourselves into the belief that they will acknowledge the defeat of their objects so quickly. Owing to the years of disorder and maladministration they have a tremendous mass of material in the province through which they can still pursue their evil plans, and there is no knowing when they may again direct their propaganda against the foreign residents.

A British merchant, who has been in Canton for many years, giving us some account of the upheaval, says:—

"It was about the worst experience I have been through. For at least 48 hours it was absolute hell, but it would have been infinitely more terrible had not LI FOOK LAM got busy and recaptured the City. Canton can take off their hats to him. . . . Apart from the enormous damage done and the losses suffered by the unfortunate people, the outbreak is possibly a blessing in disguise for it has brought to a head this rotten Soviet crowd who I am absolutely convinced staged the whole business and is, let us hoped, the death blow to their insane movement."

We agree that the outbreak might prove a blessing in disguise if it has put an end, once and for all, to the Soviet influence, but has it? As we have pointed out there is no evidence that the chief of the paid agitators have been laid by the heels, and if they are loose in the province they will find plenty of scope for their nefarious activities. The Peasant bands, brought into being in the first place by the Kuomintang, are sufficiently strong to terrorise large districts, and all are permeated with the Communist poison. If there is to be a fight for the control of Canton between the militarists, as seems at the moment very probable, these bands will get another opportunity of which it is very unlikely they will not take full advantage. The following is a rough translation of the proclamation, issued by the so-called Soviet Government a week ago, and our readers may judge whether the men responsible for it will readily consent to the summary ending of their plans. The proclamation is headed "A MEMORIAL OF THE DEAD HEROES," and reads:—

"The Soviet is the representative of the Canton workmen, farmers and soldiers. It expresses its deepest sympathies with the heroes who were killed yesterday while forcibly taking over the Government. They were the spearpoints of the workers', farmers' and soldiers' revolution. The Canton workmen, farmers and soldiers have put this as their great strength, i.e., to follow up the revolution of their dead heroes, to protect the Canton Soviet, to sweep away the power of militarism, gentry, landlords and capitalists, and to make good the heroes loss.

"The workers, farmers and soldiers have taken the first step, but they must never forget the heroes. Whatever is accomplished will be the fruit of their bloodshedding. We must remember for ever their fight and their spirit. We must hold on forever to the fruit of their work.

"We must exert all our strength to preserve the Soviet. Government regulations put forth by the Soviet must be acted on. Banks and silver shops must be confiscated. Big shops must be confiscated and given to the workers as dwellings. Goods in pawnshops must be returned to the poor. It is for this the heroes fought and died. We must follow up their fight.

"The Soviet is the organ of government of the workers, farmers and soldiers. It exists to care for nothing but the interests of the workers, farmers and soldiers.

"The resolution of the dead heroes is the resolution of the Soviet. Their spirit will ever animate the Soviet Government in its protection of workers, farmers and soldiers, and it will lead on in its future progress.

"The spirit of the heroes will never wither. We must fight for the accomplishment of what they began. Down with all the militarists gentry, landowners, capitalists. Let the Soviet rule be manifest. May the liberation of workers, farmers and soldiers live forever."

The only hope in the struggle against such forces as these lies in a strong government and a strong government will only emerge if the militarists can settle their quarrels. Moreover, the time seems to have come when the Chambers of Commerce, the Trade Guilds and other merchant bodies should take a more active part in the administration. The authorities are calling upon the commercial classes to help in the work of relief. There will no doubt be a generous response, but the merchants should insist, in their turn, that they be given a share in Government affairs in future in order that they may help to prevent a repetition of those recent occurrences which have made relief measures necessary.

INTIMATIONS.

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One case of diphtheria and one case of puerperal fever both Chinese were reported on Friday.

H.E. The Governor has reappointed Dr. Woo Tin Po to be a member of the Medical Board for a further term of three years with effect from October 28th, 1927.

Made under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, a new scale of medicines and medical comforts for Chinese passenger ships is contained in the *Government Gazette*.

The Criminal Sessions open at the Supreme Court this morning. There are nine cases on the Calendar, including two murder charges, one of manslaughter and five armed robbery cases.

Lao Lai Sing, a school teacher, residing at 142, Queen's Road Central, reports that between 2 and 3 a.m. yesterday some person entered the house and stole a brown leather suit case and clothing to the value of $41.50.

Messrs. Komor and Komor announce that Mr. Kodaka's exhibition of natural and cultured pearls and other jewellery at their Chater Road premises has been so well supported that the exhibition is being kept open till December 24th. The "punkest pearl in the world" continues to exert its fascination on all who examine it.

The Hong Kong and the Chinese Lodges of The Theosophical Society celebrated their close-of-the-season meeting on Sunday evening at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, a large number of members and friends with their families being present. The meeting took the form of a musical Social, with tea and short addresses.

Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for the closing, permanently, of that portion of High Street, in the City of Victoria, which lies between a line across High Street, approximately fifty feet east of Eastern Street, and the "No motors" sign near the eastern end of High Street.

A feature at the evening service at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, last evening was that the singing was led by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. This innovation was very much appreciated by the congregation. Other items were as under.—Band Selections: Polonaise in A flat," "Demond et Repouse," Coleridge Chopin; "Intermezzo," Mascagni; Taylor; "March from Tannhauser," Wagner. "Messiah" Solos by Mrs. Bowes Smith, Mrs. G. Watt and Mr. H. Glover: "O Thou That Tellest," "But who may Abide?" "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "Come Unto Him." Organ: Mr. G. E. Longyear.

TELEPHONE BREAKDOWN.

DISTRICT WEST OF MORRISON AFFECTED.

INCLUDING POKFULAM.

The Telephone Company advise us that owing to a main cable having been damaged subscribers in the district west of Morrison Street, and including Pokfulam, will have their lines temporarily out of action.

Repairs are well in hand, and it is hoped that full service will be resumed within the next 24 hours.

NEW GARAGES.

BOON FOR KOWLOON MOTORISTS.

The New garages in Chatham Road, Kowloon, consist of one main garage 50 feet by 25 feet and ten private lock-up garages each 10 by 18 feet. Space is available for a further block of ten lock-up garages, if required.

Electric lighting and water are provided and the installation of a petrol pump is being considered.

Three or four of the "lock-ups" have already been booked, so that owners who wish to take advantage of the facilities offered should communicate without delay with The Secretary, Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., St. George's Building (Telephone C. 4581).

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

SATURDAYS SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.

A successful bazaar in aid of the School Building Fund was held at the Diocesan Girls' School, Jordan Road, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon, the function being arranged by both past and present pupils.

There was quite a good attendance and the stalls received good patronage.

Included in the programme was a tea-dance, for which the music was provided by the "Antidotes."

During the afternoon there was a Maypole game in which the younger students of the school took

The Opening.

The sale was opened by Mrs. C. C. Luard, wife of H.E. the General Officer Commanding South China Command.

NATIVE UNION DECLARED UNLAWFUL.

It is notified in the current issue of the *Hong Kong Government Gazette* that an order has been made by the Governor-in-Council, under the Societies Ordinance, to the effect that the Chik Tso Kung Wui, otherwise known as the Knitters' Union, is delared to be an unlawful Society.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

CROWDED HOUSE AT LAST PERFORMANCE.

MASSES OF FLOWERS.

To an enthusiastic and appreciative audience the Philharmonic Society gave their final presentation of "Merrie England" on Saturday night at the Theatre Royal. Every seat was occupied and in spite of the somewhat late hour of the last curtain both audience and artistes alike regretted leaving the genial and happy atmosphere of those charming courtiers, jolly townsfolk, entertaining dancers and follies that made the days of "Good Queen Bess" apparently so "Merrie." Everything conduced to the creation of the spirit of Elizabethan England and this was due to the marvellous unity of action displayed by both individual members of the caste and the excellent chorus. Lieut.-Comdr. Bedells is heartily to be congratulated on his very successful production. But without the chorus and the guiding spirit behind it, what, after all would light opera be? It is to Mr. FitzEarle that we are indebted for the rare richness, tone and unity of the choral numbers. They were indeed a triumph and called for many encores which were much appreciated. At the close of the performance, after the many floral tributes had been received, Lt.-Comdr Bedells, in a short speech of thanks, stated that the production had been a financial success. This does not surprise us for we know that Hong Kong audiences will always appreciate light opera so well produced as has been "Merrie England."

After the performance most of the caste and others enjoyed a dance at Messrs: Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

MAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

ASSAILANT AND MOTIVE A MYSTERY.

There was a case of cutting and wounding at 11.30 on Saturday night. A Chinese named Chiu Ping Ka, aged 18, of unknown address walked into the Government Civil Hospital unaided suffering from a deep wound in the left cheek near his ear and a 2 inch wound in the left side at the back of his body, apparently caused by some sharp instrument. The place, time and assailant are all unknown. The condition of the man is serious.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast, and remarks stated:—

A fresh anti-cyclone has formed over N. China.

The moonsoon will freshen along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast N.E. winds moderate to fresh fine to cloudy.

TWEEDLEDEE TO TWEEDLEDAM.

Dear Tweedledam,—A critic,
Sincere and analytic,
Must merit, here, a Super-Being's praise,
Who dares to face stern Duty
'Mong frames of canvassed beauty,
Yet knows Our People's various little ways!

The Thespian Temple viewing
May not be so undoing,
(Save for fair Egypt, primly-swathed and shy!),
The average professional
Must sing a sad recessional
While Merry England has its "fish to fry!"

Not quite, I fear, so pretty,
Though passing wise and witty,
Are efforts to acquire poetic fame!
I heard of one with preference
For us as theme for reference
(In some newspaper—I forget the name!).

But though the strain Trochaic
May seem a shade archaic,
We know the poet's brain is caused no ill,—
He claims our kind endurance,
By "Carrolline" assurance
That in this realm of brain his claim is *nil*!

Just one point makes us ponder:
Why he should daily wander
To *our* poor page for "newsheet then outspread,"
Ignoring columns kindly
Which bravely (though so blindly!)
Have lent the world his wonders to be read!

With gladness have I noted
What song of hope is quoted
From eminent physician! We, poor souls,
To emulate the ladies,
Have lived like shades from Hades
In sacrifice of puffy scones and rolls!

Retaining frame athletic,—
But now, our dreams aesthetic
Are easier to attain! 'Tis *bread*, we see,
Not *toast*, that makes one thinner!
That favourite six-course dinner,
Plus wines, no doubt does likewise!

TWEEDLEDEE.

CHINA'S CHAOS.

NATIONALISTS HANDLING THE RUSSIANS.

STERN MEASURES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, Dec. 17th.

The suggestion that the Sovieteers might migrate to the French Concession has been shattered by the fact that the French police has been instructed to inform all the Russians employed in Soviet establishments must leave the concession, the individual time-limit being fixed at the discretion of the police who, meanwhile, are picketing the Sovieteers residences.

Russian Consulate Staff Deported.

Fifteen members of the Soviet Consulate staff, including the Consul-General, M. Plitsche, were deported this morning. They went aboard, at Shanpeh, the steamer *Fulung* for Shanghai *en route* to Vladivostock.

Most of those arrested yesterday have been released, sixty being detained for further investigation.

JAPAN'S VIEWS.

EFFECT OF NATIONALIST-SOVIET RUPTURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 17th.

The newspapers are very interested in the Chinese Nationalists' rupture with the Soviet.

The *Chugai* considers that this helps to confirm that the Soviet policy to redden the world has failed, but fears, however, that the Soviet—baulked in China—may seek more fertile soil. Therefore it warns Japan to be on guard.

The Press and public generally consider it a serious blow to the Soviet. Opinion is that Moscow can only "cry herself to sleep" as milita y action will serve no useful purpose while a protest to Peking is impracticable as the Soviet is not recognised there.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

At Changsha and Wuhu.

NANKING, Dec. 17th.

Nanking Government officials are finding a difficulty in taking up appointments at Changsha.

Labour trouble is again threatened at Wuhu.

The country between Shasi and Chenglin appears to be under no civil or military control and bandits is rife.

British Consulate Fixtures Destroyed.

NANKING, Dec. 17th.

The 44th Nationalist Army here is reported to be proceeding shortly several hundreds of miles up the Yangtsze River to join the campaign against the remnants of the former Hankow army.

The Nationalist military authorities here have been occupying the British Vice-Consul's house in the British Concession; and, on leaving, they tore down all fixtures and removed the telegraph pole.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Nationalists' Round-Up Of "Soviet Persons."

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.

The Nationalist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Quo Tai Chi, states that the Nationalist Government is carrying out plans to round up all Soviet persons in their territory, forcing them to register by December 23rd, under penalty of expulsion.

Shangtai Alert.

The local authorities, both Chinese and foreign, are most vigilant in measures to prevent disturbances at Shanghai. The Defence Forces are patrolling doubtful districts in the International Settlement and the French are continuously patrolling their Concession, while the Chinese have proclaimed martial law in Greater Shanghai, and are also guarding the railways running out of Shanghai.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Hundreds Arrested.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.

It is understood that the raid was carried out under instructions from Nanking by 600 Chinese troops.

Hundreds of Chinese and Russians were arrested, but many were *bona fide* residents and were identified as not being Bolsheviks and were released by noon.

Armed Chinese in civilian clothing carried out numerous raids in the French Concession and made a huge haul of captives, the French police looking on without interfering.

THE SOVIET AND CHINA.

M. CHICHERIN SENDS A CHARACTERISTIC NOTE.

SCOFFS AT THE NATIONALISTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

A Note from M. Chicherin, addressed to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of Kiangsu, was handed to Mr. Quo Tai Chi yesterday afternoon by the Soviet Consul-General.

It points out, firstly, that the Soviet Government never recognised the so-called Nationalist Government of Nanking and that all the U.S.S.R. Consulates in China exist in consequence of the 1924 Treaty between Russia and Peking. All Consular appointments in China are made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government and therefore cancellation of recognition of Soviet Consuls can only mean that the Generals who seized power at Nanking are acting under imperialist pressure.

Secondly, the Soviet energetically repudiates the statement contained in the Nanking Note of the 15th inst., that the Soviet Consulates' commercial agencies are responsible for "Red" propaganda and have been the asylum for Communists, especially alleging that the Consulate of Canton was guiding the revolutionary movement of the Peasants and Workers in Kwangtung.

Thirdly, the Soviet Government are convinced that the attitude of the Chinese authorities in Shanghai will be more harmful firstly to the Chinese people and the Nationalist interests in China, while the people who so lightly start a hostile policy against the U.S.S.R. will first feel the harm thereof.

M. Kovlovsky and his staff are preparing to leave on the 21st inst. by a Russian steamer for Vladivostock.

A NEW GERMAN BATTLESHIP.

PRUSSIAN DEPUTY OBJECTS.

DEMANDS THAT M.9,300,000 BE DELETED FROM BUDGET.

WINS IN REICHSRAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 18th.

The Reichsrat by 36 votes to 32 have adopted the Prussian deputy's motion demanding that the sum of 9,300,000 marks, which is the first instalment towards the construction of the proposed new battleship, be deleted from the Budget.

H.M.S. "FROBISHER."

RECOMMISSIONING AT DEVONPORT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18th.

The flagship, H.M.S. *Frobisher*, has arrived at Devonport from China and will pay off and re-commission at New Year.

"LINDY'S" MOTHER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18th.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh has decided to fly to Mexico City from Detroit on the 19th inst. to spend Christmas with her son.

IRISH PRESIDENT TO VISIT U.S.A.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17th.

The State Department is informed that Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Executive of the Irish Free State, is visiting the United States in January.

U.S.A. SUBMARINE SUNK.

RAMMED BY COASTGUARD DESTROYER.

FORTY LIVES LOST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PROVINCE TOWN, Dec. 17th.

The United States submarine *S.4* has been rammed and sunk by the coastguard destroyer *Paulding* off Woodend.

LATER.

The *S.4* carried 4 officers and 35 men and was attached to the New London Submarine Base.

Eye witnesses say that the *Paulding* was entering the harbour about sunset when the submarine suddenly came to the surface dead ahead of the destroyer, which had no time to change her course.

The vessels crashed and the submarine disappeared.

The *Paulding* reached the harbour with her lower hold flooded and will probably have to be beached to prevent her sinking.

The *S.4* was of the same class as the *S.51* which sunk off Block Island in September 1925.

All Lost.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18th.

The Navy Department announces that none of the crew of 40 have been rescued from submarine *S.4*.

TREATMENT OF THE SOVIET'S PRISONERS.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS INVESTIGATING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Dec. 18th.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, in a statement, say they have received several demands, with circumstantial documents, relating to Georgia, regarding the treatment to which prisoners are allegedly subjected by the Soviet Russian Prisons' Committee. While not desiring to interfere in political questions they feel that it is their duty to do their utmost to relieve the unfortunates.

U.S. TYRE COMPANIES AND RUBBER.

NEGOTIATING WITH BRAZIL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18th.

A telegram from Belem, Brazil, says that representatives of the Firestone and Goodyear rubber companies, have arrived and announced that they intend to negotiate with the State Government for a concession similar to that of Ford's for large-scale rubber-growing.

U.S. GOLD FOR THE ARGENTINE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18th.

G.$10,000,000 to Buenos Aires was forwarded yesterday, making G.$18,850,000 world of gold to the Argentine from the United States this month.

AFGHAN'S KING LEAVES BOMBAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Dec. 18th.

Their Afghanistan Majesties sailed in the P. & O. *Rajaputana* for Europe amid salutes by guns of the India marine vessels and the circling of the Air Force seaplanes.

CAPT. LALOR'S FOOT AMPUTATED.

OPERATION COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, Dec. 17th.

Captain Lalor arrived here yesterday aboard H.M.S. *Bee*. He went into hospital to have his right foot amputated above the ankle as the result of gangrene from his wound.

The operation has been completely successful and Captain Lalor is doing well.

GERMAN YACHT'S WORLD TOUR.

PRAISE FOR BRITISH SPORTSMANSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18th.

The German yacht *Hamburg* of 69 tons and commanded by Capt. Kircheiss, ex-navigating officer of the German raider *See Adler*, arrived at Cowes after a voyage round the world of 839 days. Kircheiss, interviewed, paid a tribute to the friendly reception he received at Colombo, Singapore, and other English places and said the people were very sporting.

THE OKLAHAMA FARCE.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATORS.

STILL SQUABBLING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 17th.

The Investigation Committee of the Legislature has added the charge of "moral turpitude" to the charges of incompetence and corruption against Governor Johnstone.

After considering his relations with his confidential secretary, Mrs. Hammonds, the Committee met at an hotel as State troops barred the entrance to Parliament.

The Governor mobilised the National Guard to prevent the session of the Legislature until the Courts had decided on the legality of the various aspects of the enquiry.

WORLDWIDE TIME SIGNAL.

TO BE TRANSMITTED FROM RUGBY WIRELESS STATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

A worldwide time signal will be transmitted from the Post Office and wireless station at Rugby twice daily during the five minutes terminating at ten in the morning and six in the evening G.M.T. The transmission will be specially useful for geographers, surveyors and ships at sea.

MEXICO'S NATIONAL RAILWAYS.

RESIGNATION OF BRITISH EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18th.

Mr. Bertrand Holloway, the British Executive, president of the National Railways of Mexico has resigned owing to ill-health.

GERMANY'S STEEL INDUSTRY.

ARBITRATOR'S REWARD REJECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 17th.

The Rhenish and Westphalian iron and steel industrialists have rejected the award of the official arbitrator.

[A telegram, dated Berlin, December 16th, stated: The decision of the official arbitrator in the iron and steel industrial dispute insists upon the introduction of an eight-hour day and three shifts at the Thomas Steelworks by January 1st, but provisionally grants exceptions in other kinds of steel works, which, however, must introduce an eight-hour day during the course of 1928. The arbitrator declared that an all-round wage increase is impracticable since an eight-hour day will further burden the industry. He considers that a 2 per cent. increase in existing wages will be appropriate.]

FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENTS.

FORERUNNER OF A SERIES IN INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 17th.

The German Dye Trust and the French Chemical Industry have signed an agreement whereby both parties will divide among themselves the production and sale of dyes on the most economic basis. They repudiate any monopolistic competition over other countries with whom an agreement is desired.

The agreement is intended as the forerunner of a series of Franco-German agreements to extend the principle of economic production and division in markets of other products in the chemical industry. It is hoped thus to lead to an international understanding and negotiations have been opened with other nations thereanent.

HUGE PROFITS IN DOG RACING.

£7 10s. FOR A ONE-SHILLING SHARE.

G.R.A. ACCEPTS OFFER OF £840,000.

Shareholders of the Greyhound Racing Association, Ltd., which owns the dog-racing tracks at the White City, Harringay, and other places, and is equipping the sports ground at the Crystal Palace for the sport, decided at an extraordinary general meeting held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, to sell the entire concern to a new company which will be floated with an authorised capital of £1,000,000, all of which will be issued.

The capital of the present company is only £5,000 in 1s. shares.

Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley, a director, explained that each 1s. share would be exchanged for, roughly, £7 10s. in cash and ten 1s. shares in the new company. This block of 1s. shares is not to be dealt in for twelve months.

The new company's capital will consist of 800,000 8 per cent. participating preferred ordinary shares of £1 each, entitled to 25 per cent. of any additional distributed profits, and £200,000 in deferred shares of 1s. each, which will be entitled to the balance of distributed profit.

Of the £800,000 ordinary shares in the new company, £600,000 is to be underwritten by the present company.

The net profits from four months' racing at the White City, two months and a half at Edinburgh and Birmingham, six weeks at Harringay, and a shorter period at Leeds, are estimated at £145,000.

Brigadier-General Critchley further stated that no fewer than 4½ million people had passed through their turnstiles, that their gross receipts had amounted to nearly £500,000, that the new tracks had been constructed out of revenue, and that as against a capital of £30,000 (debentures) they had "plant" which had cost in the neighbourhood of £300,000.

N.D.L. MAKE FRESH PURCHASES.

TO BE PLACED ON FAR EAST SERVICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 18th.

The Nord Deutscher Lloyd has repurchased the Ellerman cargo steamer *City of Dunedin*, which will be placed on the Far East service and named *Lippe*.

The vessel was built during war time in the Vulkan yards and handed over to Britain in accordance with the Versailles Treaty.

The Company has also bought the Tyne-built cargo steamers *North Western Müller*, and *South Western Müller*, and re-named them respectively, *Augsburg* and *Giessen* for the Far East service.

REVISED PRAYER BOOK.

PRESS COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

The morning papers betray conflicting emotions with regard to the rejection of the new Prayer Book.

The *Morning Post* thinks that the dangers ahead are less than if the Book had been accepted.

The *Daily Telegraph* refers to the astonishing resurgence of deeply ingrained Protestantism.

The *Westminster Gazette* calls the rejection a layman's victory at the expense of the Bishops.

The *Daily News* discovers that the Book was killed by the "Celtic fringe," namely, the Scottish, Irish and Welsh Commoners, whereas the purely English vote gave a majority of 24 in favour of the new Book.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that a great deal of opposition came from non-Churchmen, for instance, Mr. Saklatvala, the Parsee; therefore it is of the opinion that disestablishment has taken a very long stride forward.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that nothing is more unlikely than that Parliament's decision would be reversed by an appeal to the constituencies and considers that wise churchmen will now do well to turn their minds in the direction of disestablishment.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Special Conclave.

RUGBY, Dec. 18th.

To consider the crisis brought about by the rejection of the Prayer Book measure by Parliament a special conclave of bishops has been summoned for Monday and Tuesday. They will meet at Lambeth Palace.

A MOSQUITO-PROOF TRIBE.

NAKED SWAMP-DWELLERS OF RHODESIA.

The Batwa tribe, of Northern Rhodesia, live a far from comfortable life, but they possess one great advantage over their more civilised brethren—nature has made them mosquito-proof.

The Batwa live in the great Lukanga swamp, formed by a tributary of the Kafue River, a district from which Dr. C. M. Doke, Professor of Bantu Studies at the Rand University, has just returned after a prolonged tour of investigation.

Though latterly many of the Batwa, under Government protection, have taken up residence on the mainland, at one time they did not dare venture outside the confines of the swamp for fear of their enemies. They travel from one part to another by canoe along water lanes through the reeds and papyrus, and live in primitive houseboats.

A mass of floating sudd (river vegetable matter) is used as a foundation for a dwelling.

Patient Fishers.

The Batwa live mainly by fishing, and for hours they stand patiently with spears waiting for passing barbel, with which the swamp abounds. Others use poison, which they scatter on the surface of the water. They also make flour from the tuberous roots of a water-lily, which they dry in the sun and then pound. When mixed with water it makes a kind of thick porridge.

Despite the fact that the Batwa go about practically naked, and the whole of the swamp and its environs are thickly infested with mosquitoes, the Batwa appear to be practically immune from bites and consequent malaria.

The Batwa never bury their dead. They place the bodies on rafts, covered with reeds, and tow them far into the interior of the swamp, where they are abandoned to Nature.

SOUDAN OUTRAGE.

TRIBESMEN KILL BRITISH COMMISSIONER.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION EN ROUTE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, Dec. 16th.

Captain Ferguson, the District Commissioner at Bahr, in the El-Ghazel Province of Soudan, has been murdered together with a Greek merchant by Nuer tribesmen.

The murder took place near Lake Gorr, north of Shambe, while the Commissioner and his companion were returning to the Dinka tribe with some cattle which the Nuer tribesmen had stolen.

A Patrol With Aeroplanes.

KHARTOUM, Dec. 17th.

A punitive expedition is leaving here to avenge the murder of Captain Ferguson.

A patrol with aeroplanes is proceeding to the Upper Nile province where a witch doctor is stirring up the Nuers.

Further Details.

KHARTOUM, Dec. 17th.

In addition to Captain Ferguson and the Greek merchant Paniatopoulos, the Arab merchants and several servants and carriers were killed.

Capt. Ferguson had travelled to meet the Nuer chiefs' followers at a post 400 yards inland and was discussing business with Paniatopoulos when a youthful Nuer threw a spear at him.

The weapon barely broke the skin, and Ferguson promptly hurled it back, but the weapon went wide. The attack, however, was signalized and in a general assault the Nuers fell on him and stabbed him to death. Paniatopoulos was killed as he rushed to Fergusson's rescue.

The carriers who managed to escape fled to the steamer pursued by the Nuers. The latter were held at bay by the engineer who fired a shotgun from the deck while the sailors cut the mooring ropes.

PICCADILLY-CIRCUS PROGRESS.

BUILDING UNDER TRAFFIC.

"WORLD CENTRE."

Men are working night and day beneath the roadway of Piccadilly-circus constructing a great hall for the new Piccadilly-circus Tube Station, with heavy omnibuses and lorries, supported only by a roof of concrete and wood paving, thundering by above their heads.

Great progress has been made by the engineers and miners, who are creating what will be the greatest and most efficient electric railway station ever known. It is, coincidentally, within a few feet of a great electric sign, which reads, "The Centre of the World."

The miners, working from one shaft more than one hundred feet in depth, have hewn out of the solid London clay escalator shafts, a circulating chamber, passages, bridges, and a large pipe subway, in which is contained the legion of electric mains and waterpipes which lie just beneath the surface of the road.

Booking Hall.

Work has begun on the booking hall roof, which will be constructed entirely from below the ground. It will be fifteen feet beneath the surface of the roadway, and will cover an area of fifteen thousand square feet, connecting, by short staircases, the seven principal parts of the circus. The circular passage around the booking hall will be lined with brilliantly-illuminated showcases, which have been booked to display the wares of many famous London stores.

The booking arrangements, complete with fifteen passimeter booths and automatic ticket-issuing equipment of the most modern type, will enable the station to deal with more than 50,000,000 passengers a year.

Five escalators will take passengers from the booking hall to an intermediate landing fifty-seven feet below street level. Three more escalators will serve the Piccadilly Railway, and three the Bakerloo Railway from this point.

The four shafts which will house these escalators are now excavated, while the excavation of the intermediate landing is almost complete.

One great point about the new station is that there will be no long corridors or staircases for passengers to negotiate. All the excavation work has been done by hand.

THE WEEK-END SPORT.

Cricket, Home and Local Football, Army Gymkhana, Lawn Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Golf, Yachting, etc.

THE CRICKET LEAGUE.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE.

INTERESTING MATCHES.

No less than seven matches were decided in the Cricket League on Saturday, four being in the Senior Division and three in the Second. Kowloon made their initial appearance and drew with the Indians "A," and many other interesting matches were played. Batsmen, on the whole, had the better of the day and many high aggregates and individual scores were registered.

Chief interest centred in the match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Indian Recreation Club "A" on the former's ground. Both teams are considered to be in the running for League honours and the result was awaited with much keenness. Neither side could gain the upper hand and a draw resulted. The players appeared in very fine form and the play reached a very high standard.

The other results also had some important bearing on the League Table. Carigengower, after their fine performance the previous week against Civil Service, were expected to account for the Indian "B" comfortably, but the latter showed remarkably good form and held their own for a well-deserved draw. University had an anxious time against the Royal Artillery and won by a small margin, while Civil Service and the Chinese played an exciting match at the end of which the former were 16 runs behind with one wicket to fall.

In the Second Division, University have set themselves firmly at the top of the table by beating the Civil Service, which is their fourth consecutive victory. The Kowloon Cricket Club won their first match at the expense of the Hong Kong Electric Co., while the Police suffered their fourth defeat at the hands of the Royal Navy.

The details follow:—

LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

KOWLOON C.C. v. INDIAN R.C. "A."

On the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, a very fine match was played between the Home side and the Indian Recreation Club "A." team. The visitors scored rapidly and eventually declared at 184 runs for 3 wickets. Rumjahn made 60 runs, while A. H. Madar and J. S. A. Curreem playing spectacular cricket brought the scores from 68 runs to 184. Kowloon replied with 140 for 5 wickets, to which A. W. Ramsay contributed 63 runs.

Scores:—

Indian R.C. "A."

A. H. Rumjahn, c E. C. Fincher, b Ross	30
S. A. Ismail, c Lawrence, b Lyal	6
A. H. Madar, not out	67
S. H. Ismail, l.b.w., b Goodwin	4
J. S. A. Curreem, not out	62
Extras	15
Total (for 3 wkts., dec.)	184

F. M. el Arculli, O. Ismail, A. K. Minu, J. S. Ackber, A. R. Minu, and T. Hamit did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	10	2	41	1
Lyal	14	1	54	1
Brace	10	3	23	0
Ross	5	0	18	1
Morris	4	0	23	0
E. F. Fincher	3	0	10	0

Kowloon C.C.

W. Brace, c A. R. Minu, b Madar	31
E. C. Fincher, b Arculli	17
A. W. Ramsay, b Curreem	63
Capt. E. W. Morris, c Rumjahn, b Curreem	0
F. E. Lawrence, c O. Ismail, b Madar	1
Capt. F. G. Bevis, not out	19
Extras	9
Total (for 5 wickets)	140

F. Goodwin, J. C. Lyal, E. F. Fincher, H. T. Buxton, and N. H. Ross did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Arculli	10	0	46	1
A. R. Minu	5	2	17	0
Madar	6	1	24	2
Curreem	4.2	0	28	2
Rumjahn	3	0	16	0

CHINESE R.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

The Chinese Recreation Club again showed up well and drew with the Civil Service. Batting first on their own ground, they declared at 151 runs for 8 wickets and then seem to have a fair chance of winning. The Civil Service, however, just managed to play out time, losing 9 wickets for 135 runs. Yeoh was top scorer of the match with 51 runs. E. W. Hamilton (46) and H. E. Strange (32) saved the Civil Service from defeat.

Scores:—

Chinese R.C.

Ng Sze Kwong, c Ling, b Hamilton	2
C. Choa, c Sayer, b Hamilton	2
W. C. Hung, l.b.w., b Edmonds	23
T. E. Yeoh, c Grimmitt, b Sayer	51
J. L. Youngsaye, c Hawkins, b Sayer	6
H. Hung, b Hawkins	33
H. Ching, c and b Grimmitt	7
H. C. Hung, st. Holdman, b Hawkins	7
H. L. Yung, not out	16
Tsiu Wai Pui, not out	2
Extra	1
Total (for 8 wkts., dec.)	151

Li Hon Chi did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	9	3	14	0
Hamilton	10	0	38	2
Edmonds	3	0	16	1
Evans	3	1	11	0
Grimmitt	7	0	22	1
Sayer	6	0	33	2
Hawkins	2	0	6	2

Civil Service. C.C.

B. D. Evans, c Choa, b W. C. Hung	5
G. R. Sayer, c Choa, b W. C. Hung	0
A. E. Wood, b W. C. Hung	0
H. E. Strange, c Ng Sze Kwong, b H. C. Hung	32
A. W. Grimmitt, b Ng Sze Kwong	14
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Tsui Wai Pui, b Ng Sze Kwong	0
E. W. Hamilton, b W. C. Hung	46
H. R. Sutherland, c and b W. C. Hung	6
F. Holdman, c W. C. Hung, b H. C. Hung	0
F. J. Ling, not out	9
H. Edmonds, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wickets)	135

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ng Sze Kwong	6	0	58	2
W. C. Hung	12	1	39	5
H. Ching	6	1	12	0
H. C. Hung	4	0	20	2

UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

University won their second match of the season at the expense of the Royal Artillery in a low scoring match on their own ground. Batting first they compiled 125 runs, to which C. W. Lam contributed 30, the Royal Artillery replying with 102 runs. Glazebrook (R.A.) took 3 wickets for 17 runs, and Rumjahn (University) took 4 for 44 runs.

Scores:—

University.

A. A. Rumjahn, b Clarke	1
E. A. Lee, c Fogden, b Leach	13
S. V. Gittins, b Leach	9
B. P. Ng, l.b.w., b Wright	21
F. J. Zimmern, b Clarke	0
J. Barrow, b Glazebrook	8
C. W. Lam, c Britnell, b Glazebrook	30
F. H. Trayes, run out	10
D. Laing, run out	2
A. P. Guterres, b Glazebrook	3
W. H. Sling, not out	3
Extras	16
Total	125

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Clarke	12	2	59	2
Leach	5	1	14	2
Wright	8	0	28	1
Glazebrook	7.1	1	17	3

Royal Artillery.

Br. Hole, b Rumjahn	4
Sgt. Blazebrook, b Guterres	0
Lt. Wright, c Zimmern, b Rumjahn	23
Sgt. Leach, b Lee	19
Major Scovil, c Zimmern, b Rumjahn	10
Mr.-Gnr. Fogden, l.b.w., b Rumjahn	0
Capt. Howard, b Lee	3
Lt. Hall, c Rumjahn, b Guterres	9
Br. Britnell, c Gittins	16
Sgt. Jolly, not out	3
Br. Clarke, b Guterres	9
Extras	6
Total	102

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Guterres	6.1	0	21	3
Rumjahn	10	2	44	4
Lam	3	0	15	0
Lee	4	2	3	2
Gittins	2	0	13	1

INDIAN R.C. "B" v. CRAIGENGOWER.

A very unexpected draw resulted in the match between the Indian R.C. "B" and the Craigengower at Sookunpoo. Craigengower did very well and made 182 runs for the loss of 3 wickets when they declared. The Indian team replied with 107 runs for 3 wickets. E. Zimmern (74 not out) was top scorer of the match followed by A. B. Hamson 53. M. P. Madar made 50 for the Indians.

Scores:—

Craigengower C.C.

H. P. Lim, b Suffiad	15
A. Kitchell, b Suffiad	15
E. Zimmern, not out	74
A. B. Hamson, c Sirdar Khan, b Mohammed	53
S. Abbas, not out	0
Extras	25
Total (for 3 wkts., dec.)	182

D. Fritz, N. Mackay, D. Rumjahn, J. Leonard, U. M. Omar and F. Oliver did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Suffiad	13	2	35	2
Sirdar Khan	9	0	47	0
Madar	5	0	34	0
A. K. Ismail	2	0	15	0
Mohammed	3	0	8	1
Malubhoy	2	0	18	0

Indian R.C. "B."

M. P. Madar, run out	50
I. Hassan, l.b.w., b Hamson	4
R. Nazarin, b Kitchell	20
A. S. Suffiad, not out	14
D. Mohammed, not out	19
Extra	0
Total (for 3 wkts.)	107

A. K. Ismail, A. Rahmin, Sirdar Khan, U. T. Thad, E. M. K. Malubhoy and A. Butt did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamson	11	4	21	1
Oliver	10	4	19	0
Fritz	3	0	11	0
Omar	6	4	8	0
Abbas	4	2	4	0
Mackay	4	0	19	0
Kitchell	5	2	25	1

DIVISION II.

CIVIL SERVICE v. UNIVERSITY.

Playing on the Civil Service Cricket Club ground, the University beat the Home side on the nick of time, the last man being dismissed by the fourth ball of the last over. Hiptoola was in splendid form with the ball clean bowling 5 men.

Scores:—

University 2nd XI.

S. R. Kermani, c Harper, b Sara	50
H. T. Barma, run out	7
W. M. Gittins, b O'Neill	55
M. B. Osman, b O'Neill	23
K. T. Loke, b Robertson	0
A. B. Suleiman, c Gorvin, b Robertson	5
B. N. Sudan, c Chittenden, b O'Neill	5
A. Chan Fook, not out	0
A. Baker, not out	0
Extras	15
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.)	169

F. Hiptoola and B. H. Shroter did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gorvin	9	1	41	0
Sara	7	0	33	1
Paterson	5	0	27	0
Robertson	7	1	41	2
O'Neill	4	2	12	3

Civil Service 2nd XI.

R. S. W. Paterson, c Barma, b Sudan	13
R. R. Davies, c Chan Fook, b Barma	28
H. F. Harper, b Hiptoola	10
W. F. J. Gorvin, c Chan Fook, b Hiptoola	0
V. H. Chittenden, c Gittins, b Chan Fook	0
R. G. Robertson, b Hiptoola	05
P. J. O'Neill, b Hiptoola	8
F. H. W. Haynes, c Chan Fook, b Baker	14
C. Sara, not out	6
S. E. Alderman, c Osman, b Hiptoola	0
E. W. Simmonds, c Kermani, b Hiptoola	4
Extras	7
Total	153

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sudan	11	2	32	1
Hiptoola	12.4	3	61	6
Chan Fook	3	2	6	1
Gittins	2	1	13	0
Barma	2	0	18	1
Baker	2	0	11	1
Kermani	2	0	5	0

HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO. v. KOWLOON C.C.

The Hong Kong Electric Co. were easily defeated on their own ground by the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Scores:—

Electric R.C.

C. E. Gahagan, b Murray	0
W. N. H. Murdock, b Murray	9
M. F. Akehurst, l.b.w., b Murray	0
L. de Rome, b Murray	2
G. Murray, b Drysdale	11
J. R. Way, b Murray	0
S. J. Stanesby, c Morton, b Drysdale	30
G. G. Thomson, b Lee	0
T. L. Roster, b Lee	1
F. Normington, not out	4
Extras	24
Total	81

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Murray	12	6	24	5
Lee	8	4	15	2
Hargreaves-Brown	6	5	1	0
Hyde	4	2	7	0
Drysdale	5.1	3	10	3

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.

Capt. Drysdale, c Foster, b Murdock	46
A. A. Dand, l.b.w., b Murdock	36
Rev. Murray, c Way, b Muskett	21
G. Lee, not out	4
W. Hyde, c Murray, b Muskett	0
Extras	2
Total (for 4 wickets)	109

E. B. Morton, R. E. Lindsell, A. Raven and A. Hargreaves-Brown did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Muskett	5.8	1	39	2
Gahagan	3	0	19	0
Normington	2	0	11	0
Way	5	1	18	0
Murdock	4	0	20	2

POLICE R.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

Played on the Police Recreation Club ground, the Royal Navy winning by 49 runs.

Scores:—

Police R.C.

Dr. J. R. Craig, b Sparrow	13
W. E. Meadows, b Hill	0
C. F. Alexander, c Wood, b Sparrow	0
T. H. King, c Wood, b Hill	3
W. le B. Sparrow, c and b Sparrow	23
E. Dyer, b Sparrow	0
S. Randall, b Winter	12
R. G. Baker, b Hill	12
A. E. Reynolds, b Sparrow	0
B. Thorpe, b Sparrow	2
D. V. Baker, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	71

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hill	11	3	28	3
Sparrow	7.5	2	30	6
Winter	2	0	7	1

Royal Navy 2nd XI.

Lonsdale, b Alexander	21
Davies, c Baker, b King	7
Woodhouse, c King, b Baker	19
Lugg, b Alexander	5
Tighe, b Baker	7
Moore, retired	21
Hill, c Reynolds, b Alexander	2
Burroughs, c Alexander, b Baker	0
Wood, retired	26
Winter, not out	9
Sparrow, c and b le Sparrow	2
Extra	1
Total	120

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander	13	2	35	3
King	9	1	33	1
Baker	7	1	33	3
Dyer	3	0	14	0
Sparrow	7	0	2	1

LEAGUE TABLE.

Division I.

Clubs.	M.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Craigengower	4	2	0	2	8
Indian R.C. "A"	3	2	0	1	7
University	2	2	0	0	6
Royal Navy	3	1	0	2	5
Chinese R.C.	5	1	2	2	5
Civil Service	3	1	1	1	4
Kowloon C.C.	1	0	0	1	1
Indian R.C.	4	0	3	1	1
Royal Artillery	3	0	3	0	0

Division II.

Clubs.	M.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
University	4	4	0	0	12
Recreio	4	3	1	0	9
R.A.O.C.	4	3	1	0	9
Royal Navy	3	2	1	0	6
Kowloon C.C.	3	1	1	1	4
Civil Service	3	1	2	0	3
H.K. Electric	3	1	2	0	3
Police R.C.	5	1	4	0	3
Tamar	3	0	2	1	1
Royal Engineers	2	0	2	0	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

HONG KONG C.C. v. RECREIO.

The second string of the Hong Kong Cricket Club engaged the Club de Recreio on their own ground, the result being a draw in their favour. Batting first, they declared at 189 runs for 6 wickets, all their batsmen reaching double figures except G. H. Richard who scored 9. H. J. Armstrong was top scorer with 47. Recreio started well, R. C. Reed (21), H. M. Xavier (18) and L. J. Guterres (18, not out) opening, but a collapse followed and time alone scored them from being beaten. At the end they had scored 87 runs for the loss of 7 wickets.

DIOCESAN v. R.A.F.

A very fine match was played between the Diocesan Boys School and the Royal Air Force, which ended in a draw. High scoring was the feature of the game. The Diocesan School knocked up 253 runs for 4 wickets and declared. A. T. Lee was undefeated for 103 and Anderson made 82. The Royal Air Force also did well. They had lost 8 wickets for 168 runs when stumps were drawn. A. C. Mansfield was top scorer with 29 not out, while Fl. Sgt. Smith was next with 28.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

SOME BIG SCORES.

INDIAN R.C. v. HONG KONG ELECTRIC.

The Indian Recreation Club easily beat the Hong Kong Electric Co. yesterday at Sookunpoo by 76 runs. Batting first, they declared for 177 runs for 5 wickets. Curreem finding no electric stocks in his opponents' bowling, hit out merrily and reached the century, scoring 17 boundaries. They then dismissed the Electric Co. for 101 runs.

Scores:—

Indian R.C.

J. S. A. Curreem, c A. K. Minu, b Way	109
S. A. Ismail, b Muskett	8
A. S. Suffiad, c and b Muskett	0
J. S. Ackber, c Stanesby, b Muskett	43
O. Ismail, not out	12
Sirdar Khan, b Muskett	0
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wkts., dec.)	177

A. Rahmin, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Rumjahn, J. M. Rumjahn and A. H. Rumjahn did not bat.

Bowling: Muskett took four wickets for 36 runs and Way one for 52.

Hong Kong Electric Company.

I. Hassan, b Suffiad	0
S. Abbas, c and b Khan	8
D. Mohamed, c Khan, b A. K. Ismail	14
L. de Rome, b Khan	0
C. E. Gahagan, b Khan	17
A. K. Minu, c Ismail, b Curreem	28
S. J. Stanesby, b Khan	14
Y. A. Wahab, b Rumjahn	0
A. R. Minu, c Ackber, b Rumjahn	5
J. R. Way, b Rumjahn	1
W. B. Muskett, not out	2
Extras	12
Total	101

Bowling:—S. Khan took four wickets for 36 runs, A. H. Rumjahn 3 for 9, Suffiad, Ismail (A.K.) and Ismail (O.) one wicket each.

MR. PONSONBY-FANE'S XI. v. DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

The Diocesan Boys' School featured in another fine match when they met a team of Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's yesterday. Despite the huge total of 217 runs by their opponents, the Boys held their own and at the end of the match, which resulted in a draw, had scored 130 runs for the loss of two wickets only. Extras given away by the Boys amounted to 44 runs. Anderson, the School captain, was top scorer by the match with 54 runs.

Scores:—

Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's XI.

G. R. Sayer, l.b.w., b Kwan	12
E. A. Lee, c G. A. Lee, b Kwan	49
S. Kermani, b Kwan	4
J. Barrow, retired	35
A. T. M. Barma, l.b.w., b F. R. Zimmern	2
Ng Bow Poo, l.b.w., b Anderson	35
F. H. Trayes, b A. T. Lee	28
F. Hoshimi, not out	8
Extras	44
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.)	217

S. Hachiuma, H. T. M. Barma, F. Hiptoola, and Dr. R. Vonsonby-Fane did not bat.

Bowling:—Kwan took 3 for 156, Lee, Anderson and Zimmern had one wicket each.

Diocesan Boys' School.

D. J. Anderson, st. Ponsonby-Fane, b Kermani	54
W. H. Kwan, b Sayer	33
F. R. Zimmern, not out	11
A. T. Lee	14
Extras	18
Total (for 2 wickets)	130

J. A. Fisher, F. K. Lee, R. Lee, A. Prata, G. A. Lee, A. T. Normanbhoy, N. Stradmood and G. Kotwall did not bat.

Bowling:—G. R. Sayer had one wicket for 45 runs and S. Kermani one for 7.

END OF LAWN BOWLS SEASON.

ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON AT TAIKOO.

"UNDIMINISHING HOSPITALITY."

With ideal weather prevailing, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by members and visitors at the Taikoo Recreation Club on Saturday at the annual "at home" to mark the lawn bowls closing day. Owing to only three greens being available for play the customary invitation to other Clubs to send representatives to take part in the sport was not issued, but interest was very keen in the three rink games of 15 heads each between the "President" and "Vice-President" teams. At the end the "President" side had a majority of eight points. Teams and scores were:—

President.		*Vice-President*	
Grimshaw		Craig	
Reeker		Coombs	
Sloan		Whyte	
Wotherspoon (skip)	16	McLeod (skip)	12
Templeton		Greig	
Keown		Spiers	
Dobbie		Walmsley	
Laing (skip)	16	Morrison (skip)	10
Sloan		Drummond	
Richmond		Chapman	
Munro		Chalmers	
Wallace (skip)	11	Muirhead (skip)	13
Total	43	Total	35

At the close of the games, Mr. G. Morrison, chairman and convenor of the bowls section, extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and the Misses Robertson on behalf of the members of the Club, who were all pleased to see them there that afternoon, and reviewed the doings of the Club during the past season. Mrs. Morrison gave the prizes away and was presented with a vase of flowers by little Annie Weir. A tribute was also paid to the four ladies, Mesdames Morrison, Chalmers, Spiers and Whyte, for their help with the refreshments, and they were presented with souvenir vases.

Taikoo's Part In The Game.

Mr. Morrison said: "I am not going to take you back to the time when Drake played bowls on Plymouth Hoe. Neither am I going to tell you when and where the game of bowls originated, but I will say that the Taikoo Recreation Club, by their keenness, foster the spirit of rivalry and so keep up the enthusiasm for the game in this far outpost of the British Empire. We have now come to the official closing of the green for another season. In the First Division we finished second, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club being winners for the first time in the history of that Club. We of the Taikoo Recreation Club, congratulate them on thus winning the League (Applause). Our second team finished second in the League, Kowloon Cricket Club winning the Second Division. We have quite a few promising young players in our second team who are gaining valuable experience in the different positions in the various rinks. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Mr. Drummond, one of our skips, early in the season owing to illness. This upset the balance of our First Division team to a great extent, and I do not know what we should have done if three of the old hands had not come forward and pledged themselves to play bowls in the League. I will not mention names, but I take this opportunity to thank those gentlemen on behalf of the Bowls Committee and the bowlers of Taikoo. Applause.)

Disappointing State Of The Green.

"A cause for disappointment was the state of our bowling green. We had the consent of the General Club Committee at the end of last season to use our own judgment in the matter of what we should do with the green—as a matter of fact, we had the power to return the whole green if necessary. In view of past experience it was decided to return two rinks on the west side of the ground which, I am sorry to say, turned out to be an absolute failure, and at the end of the season we had to fall back upon three rinks on the old part of the green.

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I may state here that we could not get more than three rinks on our green during this season. This is, indeed, a serious state of affairs on a green which is capable of supplying six rinks. I am not going to venture an opinion myself, but if there is any one here who would give his opinion and advice we should be grateful, but if Taikoo is going through many more seasons under the same conditions as the season just finished I venture to say that Taikoo as a Bowling Club will steadily decline. It is essential that the question of what we are going to do with the bowling green be taken up at once and in no half hearted manner. (Hear, hear.)

The Donors Of Prizes Thanked.

"I wish now on behalf of Taikoo Recreation Club (Bowls Section) to thank the donors of the handsome prizes you see before you. (Applause.) We are indeed lucky in this respect in having those gentlemen who come forward year after year with handsome prizes for the competitions. I often wish the donors would drop on to the green during the various rounds of the competitions and witness the keenness displayed by the competitors. The man who wins a prize in Taikoo has certainly got to play for it. (Hear, hear).

"There is one more pleasant duty I have to perform—that is, to thank the ladies who have provided the teas for the First and Second Division teams during the season. (Applause.) I am sure we all appreciate that cup of tea on a hot day and are grateful to the ladies who come along Saturday after Saturday. On behalf of the Taikoo bowlers I would ask the four ladies to accept a small token of our deep appreciation of their services." (Applause.)

Mr. D. Templeton endorsed the chairman's welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and their daughters. He said that it was always a pleasure to him to interest himself in lawn bowls at the Taikoo Recreation Club. In regard to the kind words said on behalf of the prize donors, if they were not seen on the rinks so often as they might, it was not for any lack of interest. The speaker congratulated Mr. Laing on winning the championship and in conclusion asked Mr. Robertson to say a few words.

Mr. Robertson Responds.

Mr. Robertson said that he would like to say that it was a source of great pleasure for him, and Mrs. Robertson and their daughters to be present. He had been connected with Taikoo from 1891 and since that time he had wondered at the great development of Quarry Bay. But he was sure that notwithstanding that development the reputation of Taikoo in the matter of hospitality to their visitors had never diminished in the slightest degree. As Quarry Bay had developed so had, he was quite certain, the hospitality of Taikoo. (Applause.)

The Spey Royal Cup Win.

"In replying for the "Visitors," Mr. J. T. Dobbie remarked on Mr. Morrison's modesty in not saying anything about Taikoo's part in winning the Spey Royal Cup from the Craigengower C.C., the holders. (Hear, hear.) This was sufficient evidence, he said, of Taikoo's prowess on the bowling green, and they had for many years been the Waterloo of various Clubs and players. He commented on the hospitality of Taikoo whenever they invited others to visit them, and thanked them for the afternoon's enjoyment.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Morrison for presiding over the presentation of prizes was greeted with applause.

The Prize List.

Singles Championship (1st prize presented by Mr. D. Templeton):—Winner, J. Laing; 2nd, G. Morrison; 3rd, R. C. Wallace.

Rink Competition for the "Reid Shield," 1st Prize (Replicas of the Shield presented by Mr. K. E. Greig):—Winners, P. M. Stewart, J. D. N. Richmond, C. B. Matthews, W. Wotherspoon (skip); 2nd, D. C. Walmsley, R. B. Bell, J. J. Whyte, T. Young (skip); 3rd, J. Chalmers, J. Mitchell, H. McKechnie, G. McLeod (skip).

Four Bowls Pairs (1st Prize presented by Mr. H. C. Resker):—Winners, J. Waid and J. Laing; 2nd, J. Chalmers and H. Dinnen; 3rd, C. Young and W. Wotherspoon.

Open Singles Handicap (1st Prize presented by Mr. W. J. Hill):—Winner, P. M. Stewart; 2nd, T. Young; 3rd, A. H. Maxwell.

Singles Handicap for those who had not previously won a first prize in a Singles Competition (1st Prize presented by Mr. N. S. Brown):—Winner, J. Chalmers; 2nd, P. M. Stewart; 3rd, A. H. Maxwell.

Two Bowls Pairs (1st Prize presented by Messrs. Davie Boag & Co.). The final in this has not yet been played off but the finalists are:—P. M. Stewart and J. Laing; John Sloan and T. Grimes.

PONSFORD SCORES 437.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Dec. 17th.

Playing for Victoria against Queensland in the Sheffield Shield match, Ponsford scored 437, thus beating his own world's record score in first-class cricket of 429. Apart from two very difficult chances he batted brilliantly throughout and hit 42 fours. He occupied the wicket for 621 minutes. Victoria were all out for 793.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

SNOW AT SOUTHEND.

THE LEAGUE POSITIONS: LITTLE CHANGE.

A notable feature of Saturday's Home Football League results is that there was comparatively low scoring, and that away teams scored more freely than usual.

Another feature is that home teams did not win as many matches as usual and away teams secured quite a number of victories. In Division II. away teams were the more successful. There were also a fair number of drawn matches. The highest scoring was in Division III. North.

There are few League position changes of note.

The match between Southend United and Swindown Town was postponed, owing to snow at Southend.

GOALS AND WINS.

Division I.

Goals:—Home Teams, 23; Away Teams, 14. Total: 37.
Home Wins, 6; Away Wins, 3; Drawn Matches, 2.

Division II.

Goals:—Home Teams, 13; Away Teams, 14. Total: 27.
Home Wins, 3; Away Wins, 5; Drawn Matches, 3.

Division III. (Southern).

Goals:—Home Teams, 14; Away Teams, 9. Total: 23.
Home Wins, 5; Away Wins, 3; Drawn Matches, 2.

Division III. (Northern).

Goals:—Home Teams, 25; Away Teams, 16. Total: 41.
Home Wins, 5; Away Wins, 3; Drawn Matches, 3.

Grand Totals.

Goals:—Home Teams, 75; Away Teams, 53. Grand Total: 128.
Home Wins, 19; Away Wins, 14; Drawn Matches, 10.

THE RESULTS.

The following are the complete results of matches played in the English Football League, and the Scottish Football League (Division I.) on Saturday, as cabled by *Reuter*:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham 1, West Ham U. 2.
Blackburn R. 1, Sheffield U. 0.
Bolton W. 3, Aston Villa 1.
Cardiff C. 0, Bury 1.
Everton 4, Burnley 1.
Huddersfield T. 3, Leicester C. 1.
Manchester U. 4, Arsenal 1.
Middlesborough 3, Derby C. 3.
Newcastle U. 1, Portsmouth 3.
Wednesday 0, Sunderland 0.
Tottenham H. 3, Liverpool 1.

Division II.

Blackpool 1, Barnsley 3.
Bristol C. 1, Leeds U. 2.
Chelsea 2, Wolves 0.
Clapton C. 0, Port Vale 1.
Grimsby T. 1, Swansea T. 2.
Notts C. 1, Hull C. 1.
Oldham A. 0, Preston N.E. 0.
Reading 2, Fulham 1.
Southampton 1, Manchester C. 1.
Stoke C. 1, Notts. Forest 3.
West Brom. A. 3, S. Shields 0.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford 1, Charlton A. 1.
B'mouth and B.A. Watford 0.
Brighton and H.A. 1, Queen's Park R. 3.
Crystal Pal. 2, Merthyr T. 0.
Exeter C. 3, Walsall 0.
Luton T. 2, Bristol R. 0.
Millwall 2, Plymouth A. 0.
Northampton 1, Newport C. 2.
Norwich C. 0, Coventry C. 2.
Torquay U. 1, Gillingham 1.

The matches between Southend United and Swindon Town was postponed on account of snow.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow 6, Wigan Boro'. 2.
Bradford 3, Lincoln C. 0.
Chesterfield 2, New Brighton 3.
Durham C. 1, Halifax T. 1.
Nelson 0, Doncaster R. 1.
Rochdale 4, Darlington 1.
Rotherham U. 1, Ashington 1.
Southport 3, Crewe A. 2.
Stockport C. 3, Accrington S. 3.
Tranmere R. 1, Hartlepools U. 2.
Wrexham 1, Bradford C. 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen 2, Motherwell 0.
Celtic 0, Partick T. 0.
Dundee 1, Queen's Park 3.
Dunfermline A. 4, Hibernians 2.
Hamilton A. 3, Falkirk 0.
Hearts 2, Cowdenbeath 3.
Raith R. 2, Clyde 0.
Kilmarnock 1, Rangers 1.
St. Johnstone 6, Airdriconians 1.
St. Mirren 5, Bo'ness 0.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed on Saturday, are appended:

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	19	11	6	2	57	25	28
Cardiff	19	8	7	4	36	36	23
Huddersfield	18	9	4	5	43	31	22
Newcastle	19	9	4	6	40	34	22
Tottenham	19	9	4	6	37	33	22
Leicester	20	8	6	6	37	34	22
Blackburn	20	7	8	5	27	29	22
Middlesbro'	19	7	6	6	45	41	20
Arsenal	18	7	5	6	37	37	19
West Ham	18	9	1	8	38	41	19
Liverpool	19	6	7	6	45	45	19
Bury	19	9	1	9	35	42	19
Manch Un.	20	8	3	9	26	37	19
Aston Villa	19	7	4	8	38	34	18
Bolton	18	6	5	7	29	26	17
Sunderland	19	6	5	8	35	36	17
Burnley	19	8	1	10	35	46	17
Wednesday	19	4	7	8	34	39	15
Birmingham	19	4	7	8	31	40	15
Sheffield Un.	19	5	5	9	23	38	15
Derby	18	4	5	9	42	47	13
Portsmouth	19	4	5	10	32	51	13

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	19	13	4	2	41	15	30
Manch. City	19	11	3	5	43	31	25
Oldham	19	10	4	5	37	23	24
Preston	19	9	6	4	38	26	24
Leeds Un.	19	10	3	6	46	25	23
Notts For	19	10	2	7	48	35	22
Bristol C.	19	9	4	6	39	32	22
Port Vale	19	10	2	7	35	28	22
West Brom.	19	8	5	6	43	36	21
Stoke	19	8	5	6	32	26	21
Swansea	19	8	5	6	43	40	21
Grimsby	19	7	6	6	36	35	20
Clapton	19	8	4	7	33	36	20
Hull City	19	5	7	7	20	26	17
Barnsley	19	5	7	7	27	36	17
Notts C.	19	5	6	8	33	38	16
Fulham	19	5	4	10	31	45	14
South'pton	19	4	5	10	27	38	13
Reading	19	4	5	10	28	44	13
Wolves	19	4	4	11	26	44	12
Blackpool	19	4	4	11	31	51	12
S. Shields	19	2	5	12	27	56	9

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	19	12	3	4	60	30	27
Northants	17	12	1	4	46	21	25
Plymouth	18	10	3	5	39	27	23
Charlton	17	7	8	2	24	23	22
Exeter	17	7	7	3	29	23	21
Southend	16	10	0	6	32	26	20
Brentford	20	9	2	9	42	40	20
Newport	17	7	5	5	30	24	19
Q.P.R.	18	8	3	7	26	23	19
Norwich	17	7	4	6	38	29	18
Brighton	17	7	4	6	31	26	18
Swindon	15	6	5	4	39	32	17
Bournem'th	18	6	5	7	30	33	17
Coventry	16	7	3	8	34	43	17
Crystal Pal	17	5	6	6	27	35	16
Merthyr	19	5	6	8	28	37	16
Torquay	18	4	5	9	18	41	13
Luton	17	5	2	10	38	36	12
Gillingham	17	3	6	8	23	48	12
Walsall	19	5	2	12	27	57	12
Bristol Rov	17	4	2	11	33	43	10
Watford	18	4	2	12	28	37	10

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster	17	12	2	3	39	12	26
Bradford	17	10	4	3	39	22	24
Lincoln	18	10	3	5	39	30	23
Wrexham	18	10	3	5	31	23	23
Rochdale	16	10	2	4	37	21	22
Halifax	18	8	5	5	38	29	21
Tranmere	16	8	4	4	33	23	20
Accrington	17	5	9	3	29	23	19
Stockport	16	7	3	6	22	21	17
Bradford C.	16	5	6	5	36	27	16
N.Brighton	16	6	4	6	29	27	16
Southport	17	7	2	8	35	30	16
Darlington	17	7	2	8	29	29	16
Hartlepools	18	7	2	9	26	37	16
Durham	19	6	4	9	27	36	16
Nelson	18	6	2	10	34	18	14
Rotherham	15	4	5	6	21	25	13
Barrow	16	4	5	7	24	41	13
Chesterfield	18	4	5	9	25	33	13
Ashington	19	3	6	10	25	51	12
Wigan	17	4	3	10	23	38	11
Crewe	18	3	5	10	24	41	11

SCOTTISH LEAGUE:

(DIVISION I.)

	P.	W.	D	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	18	14	3	1	60	18	31
Motherwell	19	13	4	2	45	21	30
Celtic	18	10	5	3	40	34	25
Hearts	19	11	2	6	45	21	24
Cowdenbeath	19	10	3	6	35	35	23
St. Mirren	19	10	2	7	39	46	22
Kilmarnock	19	8	5	6	33	37	21
Partick	19	8	4	7	42	37	20
Hibernians	19	10	0	9	36	35	20
Aberdeen	20	9	2	9	34	38	20
St. Johnstone	20	8	4	8	36	44	20
Falkirk	19	8	2	9	30	33	18
Airdrie	19	6	6	7	32	33	18
Queen's Pk.	19	6	4	9	35	34	16
Dundee	19	6	3	10	29	38	15
Hamilton	19	6	2	11	35	45	14
Raith R.	19	5	3	11	36	54	13
Clyde	19	5	2	12	27	43	12
Bo'ness	19	5	1	13	22	46	11
Dunfermline	19	3	1	15	17	60	7

U.S. FOOTBALL.

BREAK BETWEEN ARMY AND NAVY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17th.

Great disappointment is felt by the sporting public at the news that the Army and Navy have broken off football relations owing to a difference of opinion as regards the elligibility rules. For the past 30 years the Army-Navy match has been the climax of the football season and one of the most spectacular sporting events of the year.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

TWO SENIOR PLAYERS INJURED.

R.A.F. ROUTED BY CHINA ATHLETIC.

Saturday's games in the Hong Kong League resulted as under:—

Division I.

China Athletic 5; R.A.F. 0.
Scots Guards 3; H.K. Police 0.
South China 3; C. de Recreio 1.
R.A. 1; K.O.S.Bs. 0.
Kowloon 0; Hong Kong Club 0.

Division II. "A."

Kowloon Res. 4; C. de Recreio Res. 0.
St. Joseph's 4; South China "B" 0.
K.O.S.Bs. Res. 2; University 0.
China Ath. Res. 2; R.A. Res. 1.

Division II. "B."

South China "B" 3; Moslem Club 0.
South China "A" 3; St. Joseph's Res. 2.

The Hong Kong Club Reserves-South China "A" game was not played, the Reserves failing to field a team.

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

DIVISION I.

China Athletic *v.* R.A.F.

The crowd that attended the H.K.F.C. ground on Saturday expecting to see a very close game went away disappointed for there was only one team in it from the kick off, the R.A.F. being very disappointing after their big win over the Champions at King's Park last week. China Athletic won by five goals to *nil* and they were fully worth the win. The R.A.F. could not settle down to team work and individual play was of no use against a well balanced side like the Athletic. Avery kept a good goal, but the backs in front of him were unsafe. The first goal came from Suen Kum Shun which was the only score in the first half.

In the second half, the Athletic put on four goals without any reply from the R.A.F. Pau Ka Ping had little to do, so well did Lai Yuk Tat and Ng Kum Chuen defend.

Wong Pak Chong lifted the ball over Avery's head to score the second goal. The third one was sent in by Chan Kwong Iu before Avery could recover from stopping a hot shot. The fourth goal was from a fine individual effort by Suen Kum Shun and the fifth goal was the result of a corner kick, well placed by Teo Kwai Shing, Suen beating Avery with a shot that entered the net at opposite end to where the goalie was.

R.A. *v.* K.O.S.B's.

Last year's history repeated itself on the Garrison ground when the R.A. beat the K.O.S.Bs. on Saturday last. Leach the star shooter of the Gunners was absent, while Davies and Dowman made their first appearance in the R.A. senior team. The K.O.S.Bs. were at full strength. On the run of the play, the K.O.S.Bs. were unlucky to lose. Chances to score were missed by both teams, especially the K.O.S.Bs. who failed with a penalty against the Gunners' goalie for carrying in the goal area. Pulford won the game for the R.A. by scoring in the opening minutes. With this reverse the K.O.S.Bs. put new life into the play but several chances were missed. Trim played a good game for the Gunners.

Scots Guards *v.* Police.

Referee: Capt. Austin.
Teams:—
Scots Guards:—Jackson; Hurst, Brattey; Carswell, Scott, Beasley; Peake, Moore, McNiven, Smith, Chapman.
H.K. Police:—Clarke; Wynne, Taylor; Britton, Oram, Jessop; Pile, Johnson, Cornwall, Howarth, Noonan.

The game was played on Chatham Road ground and drew a good crowd. The Guards, as usual started attacking early on and Smith beat Clarke with a low shot. The Police missed a chance and later a pass from Moore was netted by Peake. The first half finished with the Guards leading two goals to *nil*. In the second half the Police were doing better but the Guards defence was always secure, and although Oram and Noonan were playing well they could not lower the lead. Peake increased the Guards' lead with a fine low shot. Towards the end of the game Peake had to leave the field with a nasty injury which necessitated his removal to hospital. The game finished by the Guards being victors by three goals to *nil*. On the run of the game the result was a fair one and the Guards the better team their reserves playing a fine game. The Police greatly missed Hudson and Sherry. Clarke, Wynne and Howorth worked hard and were the mainstay of the defence.

South China *v.* Club de Recreio.

This game was played at King's Park and ended in a surprise for the Recreio supporters, South China winning by three goals to one. A large crowd attended. Lai Ting Choi left Silva standing with a fast cross shot and this unexpected reverse caused the Recreio to put on pressure but Li Ting Sang was in splendid form and Chang Yok Kwan kept a good goal.

Wong Mee put South China further ahead and before the interval, Ogley scored for the Recreio. Half-time: South China 2, Club de Recreio 1.

From the restart the Recreio attacked strongly but South China defence rose to the occasion and Tai Ting Choi beat Silva making the game safe for them.

The Recreio were without Gosano, A. A. Remedios and Brown.

Kowloon *v.* H.K.F.C.

The rivalry between these teams was evident when they lined up on the Railway ground in their return game. The first game this season was won by Kowloon on the H.K.F.C. ground.

The game was marred by an accident to Howard who injured his wrist. The game was fast throughout, the home team being well served by its middle line ably led by Sims.

In the closing stages Kowloon pressed hard for a goal but Lyon and Bishop defended strongly. Simms joined in the attack but his efforts were of no avail and when the final whistle sounded the score sheet was blank.

DIVISION II. "A."

K.O.S.B.'s Reserves *v.* University.

Played at Sookunpoo and ended in a win for the K.O.S.Bs. by two goals to *nil*. The University were early defending but Stephens scored. The K.O.S.Bs. kept the Students at home and Hart netted. Half-time: K.O.S.Bs. 2, University 0.

There was no scoring in the second half, the University now playing much better while the K.O.S.Bs. were content to win by the half time score.

R.A. Reserves *v.* China Athletic Reserves.

Played on the H.K.F.C. ground before a large attendance and ended in a win for the Athletic by two goals to one.

The R.A. forwards showed little initiative and should have been beaten by more than double the score.

Kowloon Reserves *v.* Club de Recreio Reserves.

Fielding a strong side on the Railway ground, Kowloon beat the Recreio by four clear goals. The Recreio side was depleted by calls made by the first team. Muir scored the only goal of the first half. Three goals were put on by Kowloon in the second half by Muir, Spary and Clarke.

St. Joseph's *v.* South China "B".

In this game played on St. Joseph's ground, the "B" team were handicapped by Li Tom Po being ordered off in the second half for dangerous play. Smith and Johnson scored once in each half for St. Joseph's who won by four goals to *nil*.

DIVISION II. "B."

South China "B" *v.* Moslem Club.

Played at King's Park and ended in a win for the "B" by three clear goals. Yan Tin Wah gave the "B" team the lead and having the most of the game, the "B" added two goals to their score before the interval, Ng Chung scoring both.

The Moslems had the better of the second half but erratic shooting lost them the game.

South China "A" *v.* St. Joseph's Reserves.

The Reserves unexpectedly went down before the "A" team in second half of this game played on the St. Joseph's ground.

Fernandez scored twice for the Reserves, while Chan Chit Ming and Ng Po Kui for South China scored in the first half.

The second half was well fought out and a struggle for the lead ended in favour of South China. Lee Wai Ki scoring late in the game. Result: South China "A" 3, St Joseph's 2.

YESTERDAY'S CHARITY GAME.

The Charity game arranged between the University and Government Civil Hospital Staff was played yesterday on the University ground and ended in a win for the University by four goals to one. Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E. Vice-Chancellor of the University was referee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

A League Management Committee Meeting was held on 15th instant when the matter of the Police Football Club playing T. Pile in the game against the H.K.F.C. on the 3rd instant without having the player transferred in accordance with the was considered. The Police Club was fined dollars and T Pile cautioned.

Kowloon F.C. were fined five dollars; in each case, for postponing the League games on the 3rd instant. Kowloon F.C. *v.* China Athletic Senior Division and Kowloon "B" *v.* Boy Scouts in Division II. "B." Points in both games to be awarded their opponents.

The League Management ruled that unless permission to postpone games was received by the League Secretary not later than Thursday morning, the games will have to be played.

YACHTING.

CHALLENGE CUPS RACE.

SERVICES' SAILING.

There were two interesting races under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday (one for racing yachts and one for the Services'). Yesterday the Cruisers sailed their 3rd Championship race to Cheung Chau and back and to-day the Ladies' sail their 4th Championship race. Except for a race on Monday next week, for the cruisers, who compete for the Potts' Challenge Cup, there is no racing down for the other classes, owing to the Christmas Holidays.

The Racing Yachts have their next race on Saturday, December 31st, and the ladies on January 9th.

SATURDAY'S RACES.

The racing yachts competed for the Challenge Cups, the course being:—Channel Rock (P.), Kowloon Peak (S.), Lyemun Beacon (S.), mark on the line (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.). Distance 8.5 miles.

The results were:—

Handicap Class.

	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Diana (2)	4.09.51	4.08.26
Colleen (5)	4.23.12	4.16.07
Rolla (3)	4.10.55	4.10.55
Falcon (6)	4.31.34	4.23.04
La Linda (4)	4.20.39	4.14.16½
Argulla II. (7)	4.29.13	4.30.43
Dorothea (1)	4.14.35	4.06.05
"G" Class.		
Gael (4)	4.42.23	4.36.11½
Pierrette (3)	4.37.10	4.33.37½
Viking (1)	4.36.34	4.27.21½
Joan (2)	4.39.04	4.32.41½
"Y" Class.		
Why Wonder (2)	4.33.32	4.33.43
Wings (5)	4.41.06	4.41.06
Bluenose	D.N.S.	
Boojum (1)	4.33.42	4.33.42
Adele	D.N.F.	
Adanac (3)	4.34.19	4.34.19
Zaphyr (6)	4.51.52	4.48.19
Lola (4)	4.44.15	4.38.35
"I" Class.		
Daphne (2)	4.44.58	4.44.59
Ailsa (1)	4.42.11	4.42.11
Halcyon (3)	4.52.18	4.52.19

Services' Race.

The course for the other event, the Service Sailing Race, was Channel Rock (P.), Kowloon Peak (S.), Mark on line (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.). There were 13 entries. H.M.S. *Ambrose* galley won.

	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Ambrose, Galley, P.O. Gibb	4.22.43	4.22.43
Argus, Galley, Capt. Palmer	4.25.41	4.26.41
Thracian, Whaler, Lieut. Thomas	4.46.19	4.32.19
Seraph, Whaler, C.P.O. Riddalls	4.47.18	4.33.18
Argus, Whaler, Comdr. Boncher	4.46.48	4.34.12
Sirdar, Whaler, C.P.O. Kent	4.49.15	4.35.15
Ambrose, Cutter, P.O. Matthews	4.44.04	4.35.40
Hawkins, Galley, Md. Winke	4.45.41	4.45.41
Hawkins, Whaler, A.B. Harding	5.01.00	4.48.29

YESTERDAY'S RACE.

NO BOATS COME IN.

Yesterday was fixed for the 3rd Championship Race for the Cruisers, the course being from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to Cheung Chau (P.) and back, a distance of 25 miles.

Fifteen boats started, but none had crossed the line at the Yacht Club when the time limit, 7.30 p.m., had expired.

Lack of breeze prevented the race being completed, and the Committee will fix a date for a re-sail.

RUGBY INTERPORT.

HONG KONG TEAM GOING NORTH.

SHANGHAI'S INVITATION ACCEPTED.

An Interport Rugby Football team is to leave Hong Kong during Chinese New Year to represent the Colony at Shanghai, an invitation from the Northern port to send a team up there having been accepted.

Provisional arrangements are being made for the team to leave here on the s.s. *President Grant*, on which boat will also leave the Hong Kong Football Association soccer team.

The acceptance of the invitation has yet to be officially confirmed, but this is expected to be done shortly.

The play will be of a high standard, in view of the present strength of the Rugby Football Club, with its civilian and Service members.

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GOLF.

ANDREWES WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

PATCHY GOLF AT FANLING.

A TALE OF MISSED PUTTS.

The final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship did not produce much really first class golf. The story of it is mainly a tale of missed putts. R. M. Smith is reputed to be one of the best putters in the Club, but yesterday he was missing badly.

The greens were quite true, but they were playing very fast, and putts had to be struck very accurately if they were going to drop. The holes too were out in perfectly fair positions, so that the pace of the greens was the only difficulty. There was very little wind, and the scores ought really to have been a good deal lower.

Smith lost the first four holes all in a row, and he could never get them back again. His best chance was about half-way through the second round. He had taken two consecutive holes off Andrewes, who was hooking all his long iron shots, but he kept giving away shots, and halving holes which he ought to have won.

Andrewes had the length of Smith both from the tee and through the green, and could play irons when Smith was compelled to use wood. Andrewes was hitting the ball a very long way, and some of his iron shots were beautifully struck. Smith was inclined to cut his brassey shots.

The driving of both players was patchy. Some of it was very good indeed, but there were times when neither of the players seemed capable of getting down to the ball.

Scores do not necessarily tell very much in match play, but there were far too many sixes on the card, and to halve a hole in seven is deplorable. Though there were many fine shots played in the course of the two rounds, there seemed to be no real continuity in the play of either of the finalists.

On the day, Andrewes always looked the stronger player, and he played the better game. It is really surprising that he did not win by more than 4 and 3. After the first four holes, which were so disastrous for Smith, it was level pegging, and yet Andrewes was more "in the picture" than his opponent.

Hole By Hole.

1. Smith sliced his drive and was short with his second. Andrewes, after a good drive, put his second on the green and each took three putts.

Andrewes one up.

2. Andrewes hit a long drive and was on the corner of the green with an iron. Smith's drive was on the left of the course. He mishit his brassey shot and was still short with his third.

Andrewes two up.

3. Andrewes was just on the green and Smith was bunkered to the right. Andrewes first putt was rather merry, but he sank a good one coming back, and Smith was short with the like.

Andrewes three up.

4. Andrewes pushed out his drive rather badly and was over the green with his second. Smith suffled his drive all along the ground and was short in 3. He put his chip dead but somehow missed the putt.

Andrewes four up.

5. Both were on the green in two. Smith's second putt stayed on the tip, leaving Andrewes a dead stymie. He tried to loft it, but holed his opponent.

Andrewes three up.

6. Andrewes hit a long drive and Smith a fine second from a nasty lie to the right of the course. Both holed miserable putts for the first halved hole of the match.

Andrewes three up.

7. Both were over with their tee shots. Andrewes lipped the hole with his third, stymying Smith.

Andrewes three up.

8. Andrewes was to the left of the course, but almost judged his second shot over the bump rightly. His putt stayed out, half stymying Smith, who holed his opponent.

Andrewes four up.

9. Neither got down to his drive and Andrewes was bunkered. Trying to get length with his third he hooked an iron shot. The hole was halved in 6.

Andrewes four up.

10. Andrewes took a No. 1 iron from the tee, but was down the left of the course. His second finished outside the covering bunker. Smith's putt for a 4 lipped the hole but stayed out.

Andrewes four up.

11. Smith took a long carry and fell short, but ran through the rough. Andrewes hit a fine iron for his second, just short of the green.

Andrewes four up.

12. Andrewes hit a beautiful tee shot, but Smith's was pulled. Andrewes third was a tiny one, but he missed it.

Andrewes four up.

13. Andrewes pulled into trouble and was further in after his second. Smith was right down the middle.

Andrewes three up.

14. Smith cut his drive down by the drain and Andrewes was over the green. Smith was very gay with his first putt and missed coming back.

Andrewes four up.

15. Andrewes hit a good drive and was up with an iron. Smith was short in 2. Andrewes missed a tiny putt, half stymying Smith but he sliced round it.

Andrewes four up.

16. Andrewes pushed his shot out under the tree by the fifth tee, but he played a brilliant second and sank the putt. Smith almost got his 2nd. Real golf.

Andrewes four up.

17. Andrewes took an iron for his second and hooked into an awful place on the hill. He holed a fighting putt for a five. Smith hit a fine brassey shot round the hill, but he pulled his putt.

Andrewes four up.

18. Smith's drive stopped a foot from the ditch across the new course. Andrewes put his second into the guarding bunker.

Andrewes four up.

19. Smith was in the pimples and barely moved his second shot, but Andrewes took 3 putts and the hole was halved.

Andrewes four up

20. Both were on the green in 2, but Smith's short putt stayed out.

Andrewes five up.

21. Both found the green with their tee shots.

Andrewes five up.

22. Andrewes pushed his drive into the pimples, and Smith scuffled his second. A half of sorts.

Andrewes five up.

23. Andrewes cut his drive, but put a fine second out of rough stuff 2 yards from the pin. Smith holed from the edge of the green. Real golf again.

Andrewes five up.

24. Both drove down the middle, but Andrewes hooked a big iron shot and duffed his third.

Andrewes four up.

25. Andrewes hooked his tee shot on to the bank at the left of the green, and was gay with his chip. Smith was safe for his 3.

Andrewes three up.

26. Andrewes topped his drive and hooked an iron shot. Smith's drive was just over the pimples. Both had putts which went in and out.

Andrewes three up.

17. Both missed several shots. This was real rabbity stuff.

Andrewes three up.

28. Andrewes again took a No. 1 iron for his tee shot and found trouble to the left. Both were on in 3, but Smith was very short with his first putt, and pulled the second.

Andrewes four up.

29. Smith hit a fine drive but cut his brassey shot badly. Andrewes had bad luck with a fine iron shot which just kicked down the bank. Smith holed a stout putt.

Andrewes three up.

30. Another foot would have put Smith on the green, while Andrewes was right at the bottom of the hill. Smith chipped dead, but missed a very little one.

Andrewes three up.

31. Andrewes hit a fine drive on to the top of the hill, and was just over in 2. Smith was just on, but another tiny putt stopped on the edge.

Andrewes three up.

32. Smith cut his drive into the ditch and Andrewes was pin high with a beautiful tee shot.

Andremes dormy four.

33. Andrewes cut his drive among the trees and could only push his second back on to the course. Smith cut his brassey shot and was just short. The hole was halved in 5.

Andrewes wins 4 and 3.

MORNING ROUND.

Andrewes	5	4	3	5	6	5	4	4	6	—42
Smith	6	5	5	6	4	5	4	5	6	—46
	5	5	4	6	4	5	3	5	5	—42—84
	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	—41—87

AFTERNOON ROUND.

Andrewes	5	4	3	6	3	6	4	5	7	—43
Smith	5	5	3	6	3	5	3	5	7	—42
	5	5	4	5	3	5	—			27—70 (15 holes)
	6	4	4	5	6	5	—			30—72 (15 holes)

THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

The second round results of the Governor's Shield are as follows:—

R.A.M.C. (Major Lynch 12 and Stevenson 14) beat Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank (V. M. Grayburn 15 and H. G. Hegarty 10) by 3 and 2.

Canadian Pacific (Capt. Davison 15 and T. C. Monaghan 13) beat K.C. Railway (C. D. Lambert 18 and J. Smith 11).

Wilkinson & Grist (D. H. Blake 13 and G. S. Hugh-Jones 11) beat Dodwell & Co. (T. G. Weall 14 and L. G. S. Dodwell 5) by 1 up.

University (Prof. Roffey 10 and Redmond 6) beat Scots Guards (Capts. Erskine scr. and Tyringham scr.) by 3 and 2.

Education Dept. (F. J. de Rome 7 and A. O. Brawn 10) beat South British Insurance Co. (F. S. Harrison 9 and J. F. Kennedy 18) by 4 and 3.

A.P.C. (T. D. E. Pendered 3 and R. Young 8) beat Davie Boag Co. (J. D. Kinnaird 9 and W. A. Stewart 16) by 5 and 3.

Prison Dept. (J. W. Franks 7 and H. F. Bloxham 6) beat Johnson, Stokes & Master (L. R. Andrewes 5 and T. G. Bennett 8) by 5 and 3.

LAWN TENNIS.

INDIAN T.C. v. SOUTH CHINA.

The newly formed Indian Tennis Club played their first inter-club match yesterday when they met the South China Athletic Association on their own courts at King's Park. The result was a win for the Chinese by 57 games to 42.

The details follow:—

Lug Ding Cheong and Luk Kan Cheong (S.C.A.A.):
beat F. Khan and Dr. Khan 9- 2
beat J. J. Khan and S. Saleh 8- 3
beat F. Ali and H. N. Mehal 6- 5
23-10

Ma Chiu Sheung and Lam On Kwok (S.C.A.C.):
beat F. Khan and Dr. Khan 6- 5
beat J. J. Khan and S. Saleh 8- 3
beat F. Ali and H. N. Mehal 6- 5
20-13

Ng Shou Kwan and S. Y. Tso (S.C.A.A.):
lost to F. Khan and Dr. Khan 4- 7
lost to F. Ali and H. N. Mehal 5- 6
lost to J. J. Khan and S. Saleh 5- 6
14-19

Total S.C.A.A., 57; Indian T.C., 42.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

RACE MAY BE HELD EVERY TWO YEARS.

ANGLO-ITALIAN PROPOSAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16th.

The desirability of holding the Schneider Trophy contest every two years instead of annually has been discussed between the British Air Minister (Sir Samuel Hoare) and General Balbo (the Italian Under-Secretary for Air) who is paying a short visit to London.

There is general agreement that the interval of one year is insufficient to allow of adequate progress between successive contest in the technical design of marine aircraft, the development of which was the express object of the trophy, founded by M. Jacques Schneider. The Italian and British Governments have, therefore, decided that they will support a project for an amendment in the rules to provide that in future the contests take place biennially. As time may not admit of the formal alteration of the rules before the date for entries for the 1928 contest they have further mutually agreed to notify the aeronautical bodies concerned in Italy and Great Britain that they do not propose to support an Italian or British entry in 1928, provided other countries, which are possible competitors, signify their willingness to adopt the same course.

The United States, French and German authorities have been informally consulted and are understood to concur with the above proposals.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

SCOTLAND BEAT NEW SOUTH WALES.

BIG CROWD AT EDINBURGH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EDINBURGH, Dec. 17th.

There was a crowd of no fewer than 50,000 spectators present at Edinburgh to witness the rugby match between Scotland and New South Wales.

The match, which was keenly contested, resulted in a win for Scotland by 10 points to 8 points.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

PORTUGUESE BEAT THE CHINESE.

A friendly game of six a side took place at the China Athletic Association on Friday evening between the Club Lusitano and the Chinese Athletic resulting in a win for the Lusitano by 104 points.

A return match will be played at the Club Lusitano on Friday, 23rd inst.

"BOBBY" JONES AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ATLANTA, Georgia, Dec. 16th.

Bobby Jones has announced that he will not defend his title as British Open Golf Champion owing to his law studies and will not participate in the British Amateur Championship, but that he will participate in the United States Open and National Amateur Championships next September.

KWANTI RACE COURSE.

MILITARY GYMKHANA.

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

[BY RAPIER.]

By the courtesy of the Master, Dr. Pierce Grove, and the members of the Fanling Hunt a military gymkhana was held yesterday afternoon on the Kwanti Race Course. There was a big crowd present as will be gathered from the fact that there were about forty tiffins served at Hunters' Arms and that in addition there were several private luncheon parties. The Meeting was under the auspices of the 20th Light Battery R.A. and their hospitality was much appreciated by those present.

Major Lee Warner did most of the work and his efforts bore excellent results. He was ably assisted by Mr. A. N. S. Corbett and Dr. Pierce Grove was, as always, a willing helper. Maj.-General Luard, C.B., C.M.G., was present with Mrs. Luard and their daughter also Colonel and Mrs. Comyn, Commander and Mrs. Hartford, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Paterson and many other prominent people.

The presence of a "Bookie" helped to create the right atmosphere and the enthusiasm of the troops was quite contagious. They let themselves go thoroughly at times and the rider of the "donkey" in musical chairs event came in for a lot of attention.

In the Hunt race for "A" Class ponies Mr. W. Stanton had the misfortune to be thrown and he was at once taken Home. He is slightly concussed and it is sincerely hoped that he will soon be riding again. Usher won this on Easter Day by a length from The Gomeril well ridden by Pollock. The latter pony's performance was particularly good as he had not previously been over the sticks. The race for "B" Class ponies attracted a field of 15 and was won by Reidy who rode a fine race on Yorks. Scooter (Bulteel up) was a good second with Bolton on Man o' War close behind. The latter rider had not previously been on a China pony and his effort was a particularly good one.

THE OFFICIALS.

The officials for the Gymkhana were as follows: Judges: Lieut.-Col. H. F. L. Grant, D.S.O., R.A., Mr. J. Paterson; Starter: Capt. G. P. Thomas, O.B.E., R.A.; Assistant Starter: B.S.M. Stevens, R.A.; Ring Stewart: Mr. J. Roger, R.A.; Secretary: Mr. A. N. S. Corbett, R.A.

THE RESULTS.

Saddling Race.

To ride bare back over 3 fences, saddle and complete the course 3 fences, 6 fences in all.

B.S.M. Steven's Eve 1
Sgt. Dacombe's Jimmie 2
Gnr. Partridge's Dick 3
Dvr. Brooks's Kitty 4

Won by five lengths; half a length between second and third.

Thirty-three starters.

Action Race.

Race for guns in Draft. Gun Team and Ammunition mule Detachment of 6, 3 drivers, about 400 yards. Guns to come into action and fire a round of blank.

15 Light Battery, R.A., "B" Sub-section 1
20 Light Battery, R.A., "B" Sub-section 2
20 Light Battery, R.A., "D" Sub-section 3

Four couples.

Hunt Race.

For China ponies property of subscribers to be ridden by subscribers catch weights about 1¼ miles. "A" and "B" Class to be run simultaneously.

Easter Day 1
Gommeril 2
Humdinger 3

Won by one length; two lengths between second and third.

Nine starters.

Relay Race.

For mules bare back to be ridden by British other ranks no whips or spurs. over 6 fences. Relay mules half way round course about 1 mile. Same rider for whole Course.

Dvr. Wright 1
Greaves 2
Dvr. Watts 3

Twenty-one runners.

Ladies Bracelet.

For chargers to be ridden by officers. Ride to lady at enclosure fence, dismount receive token. Mount and complete course, 6 fences about 1 mile.

Lt. A. N. S. Corbett's Three O'clock 1
Lt. H. J. A. Thicknesse's Jesse 2

A very close race. Won by a head, the same distance between 2nd and third.

Musical Chairs.

Open to any horse, China pony or mule. To ride round marked course when music stops sit in chair holding mount by rein.

Gnr. Walton's Molly 1
Gnr. McConnell 2

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CINEMA NEWS.

"GOOD AND NAUGHTY" AT THE QUEEN'S.

POLA NEGRI IN A FRENCH FARCE.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Good and Naughty" has been adapted for the screen from a French farce, and marvellous to say it still remains good, naughty, and sparkling. Pola Negri plays the heroine and justifies her reputation as one of the loveliest and most fascinating women of the screen; she is not a "vamp," neither is she a fluffy coquette, but she has that peculiar appeal of only the really beautiful woman which draws all the audience into her embrace.

The story is not a new one—few successful farces are—but it is presented in a fresh and amusing manner. Germaine Morris (Pola Negri) is a wealthy young woman who for the love of Gerald Grey (Tom Moore) works in his architect's office. Like W. J. Lockie's Clementina Wing, Germaine cares nothing for her appearance and looks as unattractive as an "arty" young woman can. But again like Locke's heroine to save her man from the clutches of a professional divorcée, she suddenly blossoms out; and with the aid of gorgeous clothes and skilful face culture, wins his love.

That is the outline; Geralds partner, the husband of the vamp and a pugilist all join Gerald in the pursuit of the metamorphorised Germaine. Those are plenty of bedroom scenes, of a discrete order, and plenty of "good and naughty" situations.

Tom Moore of the charming smile and rugged face, you will remember him as cinderella's policeman, is excellent as the much persued Gerald; he manages very happily to steer clear of that affection and consciousness of his attractive personality that turns a good actor into a "matinée idol."

You will enjoy "Good and Naughty." The story has been well told and is never too obvious, and there is good acting and a very lovely heroine.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Christmas day Harold Lloyd's new comedy "The Kid Brother" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre on Christmas Day. Lloyd gave eight months to the making of his new picture and from advance reports, it is said to stand every comparison with "The Freshman." As the youngest brother of a family of strong men, Lloyd suffers all the indignities a kid brother invariably has to endure. But when the final test comes, it is this same "young 'un" who saves the family honour.

"Resurrection," Leo Tolstoy's novel, which is to be screened here during the holidays, is one of the great classics of literature. The rôles which Rod La Rocque and Dolores del Rio play in the film have already been honoured with great names on the stage. In 1903, at His Majesty's Theatre in London, Sir Herbert Beerbohm-Tree created the rôle of Prince Dmitri Nekhludof and Miriam Clements played Katusha Maslova, the rôle Dolores del Rio takes in the film.

"Beau Geste" is promised for New Year's Day at the Queen's. It has been made from a most exciting story by P.C. Wren of the French Foreign Legion, and the amazing scene which forms the central incident of the story is very realistically enacted on the screen.

This episode shows the fearless defence by 40 legionnaires of a fort in the Sahara, against hundreds of Touaregs, nomadic desert bandits who are among the best warriors and finest riders in the world.

Ronald Colman appears in the title rôle of "Beau Geste," with Wallace Beery, Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Mary Brian and Victor McLaglan.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMMES.

Queen's.

Sunny Florida and tangled love affairs make a sparkling picture, "Good and Naughty" for Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday we are entertained at a fox farm in Alaska. "The Rocking Moon" shines on wonderful scenes of wild nature and a battle between a lovely girl and fox poachers. From Thursday to Saturday comes a film which you should by no means miss. "The Chinese Parrot" has been made by Paul Leni who directed "The Cat and the Canady" if it proves half as good as the latter it will be an outstanding film.

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V.C. Race.

For mule bare back open to all units. Over 2 fences pick up partner cross 1 fence all under fire. About half mile.

Gnr. Lynn and Gnr. Mitchell's Duster 1
Dvr. Dennis and Dvr. Watts's Mutt 2

China Ponies: "B" Class.

Scooter ..... (Mr. Bulteel) 2
Yorks ..... (Mr. Reidy) 1
Man o' War ..... (Mr. Bolton) 3

World.

"Three Miles Up" in the air you will see Al Wilson perform a number of amazing aviation stunts, if you visit the World to-day. To help you get back your breath, there is Charlie Chaplin's war comedy "Shoulder Arms" to follow. On Tuesday till the end of the week is "The Last Days of Pompeii" an Italian film which has been acclaimed as a master piece. The ancient city of Pompeii, with Vesuvius towering in the distance, would make a telling setting for any story. Take the exciting adventures of Glaucus and Ione, the devoted blind girl, Nydia, and the wily Egyptian, Abaces, and you have a film in some respects unparalleled. The picture took over a year to complete and employed 45,000 people.

Star.

"The Limited Mail" will give you plenty of thrills to-day at the Star and if you visit the theatre on Tuesday or Wednesday you will see that "Honesty is the Best Policy" in a mystery burlesque starring Pauline Starke and Johnnie Walker. The upper ten of New York Society are being shewn up on Thursday to Saturday is a society drama with James Kirkwood and Lila Lee.

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ALL-ROUND DECLINE IN RACING REVENUE.

A year ago the Betting Tax began operating in England. What has been its effect in the twelve months? Three answers are given:

Racecourses: Reduced receipts.
Bookmakers: Reduced takings.
Mr. Churchill: £8,000,000?

The reduced profits of the racecourses reflect to some extent the attitude of the public. Statistics given in he Racing Calender are as follows:—

1925. Receipts. £		1927. Receipts. £	Decrease p.c.
179,634	March and April	162,274	9.66
121,400	May	104,242	14.13
170,888	June	154,317	9.69
92,246	July	74,830	18.87
138,085	August	103,885	24.76
146,502	September	112,672	23.69
848,750		712,220	16.08

The receipts for 1928 are omitted, as they do not give a fair basis of comparison on account of the coal strike.

Mr. Churchill's Hope.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer hoped to increase the revenue by £6,000,000 a year by the Betting Tax. After the first seven months the tax yielded £1,300,000. At this rate the total income for the year would be £2,500,000.

Lord Hamilton of Dalkeil, Senior Steward of the Jockey Club, has stated that the racecourse receipts from the beginning of the season to the end of September this year showed a decrease of £136,000 compared with a similar period of 1925.

DUE THIS WEEK.

PASSENGERS ON THE "DEVANHA."

The P. & O. s.s. *Devanha* is due to arrive here next Friday from London and ports, and among the ports, and among the passengers booked to Hong Kong are the following:—Mr. Bellamy (General Manager of the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.) and Mrs. Bellamy, Capt. and Mrs. P. R. G. Cumming, Miss E. Chipp, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. English, Mrs. B. E. Elliott, Miss M. B. Hall, Mr. L. W. Harrison, Capt. and Mrs. D. R. Kilbee, Mr. W. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kennaway, Mr. J. McKelvie, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKelvie, Mr. L. J. Marr, Mrs. M. V. S. Owens, Mrs. Eldon Potter, Miss W. A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turbyne, Miss F. Turbyne, Miss I. Taylor, Miss E. Van Slyke, Mr. G. T. Wood.

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	*Sunrise.*	*Sunset.*
December 19th	6.57 a.m.	5.43 p.m.
„ 20th	6.58 „	5.43 „
„ 21st	6.58 „	5.44 „
„ 22nd	6.59 „	5.44 „
„ 23rd	6.59 „	5.44 „
„ 24th	7.00 „	5.45 „
„ 25th	7.00 „	5.46 „
„ 26th	7.00 „	5.46 „
„ 27th	7.01 „	5.47 „
„ 28th	7.01 „	5.47 „
„ 29th	7.02 „	5.48 „
„ 30th	7.02 „	5.48 „
„ 31st	7.03 „	5.49 „

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Pres. Monroe ...	Sun., Jan. 15th, 8 a.m.	Pres. Hayes	Sun., Feb. 26th
Pres. Wilson ..	Sun., Jan. 29th, 6 a.m.	Pres. Polk	Sun., Mar. 11th

To MANILA

Pres. Taft	Dec. 20th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Jefferson ...	Jan. 3rd, 6 p.m.
Pres. McKinley ...	Dec. 26th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Grant	Jan. 9th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Harrison ...	Jan. 1st, 6 p.m.	Pres. Monroe	Jan. 15th, 6 p.m.

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ANGERS ...	B	2nd Dec.	4th Jan.	31st Jan., "
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An airship service to the Riviera from Southampton, with all the comforts of a modern liner, should be in existence by next summer.

I have just inspected the plans of the new craft, and they certainly appear to be considerably in advance of anything hitherto attempted.

No wild claims are made for the venture; it is designed to provide a link between the liner services and the south of France, cutting out the train journey to London, the Channel crossing, and the long, wearisome journey across France.

Land Or Water Type.

American visitors will thus be able to reach Cannes, for instance, thirteen hours after the liner reaches Southampton.

The airship which has been designed is what is know as the "semi-rigid." It is of amphibian type—able to alight on land or water.

Liner passengers will disembark at Southampton to see the airship moored near by. An hour later they will be in their seats in the saloon, their baggage stowed away looking down through the windows, set at an angle of thirty degrees, as Southampton drops away below.

There is none of the noise of an air liner, that deafening roar which ruins the enjoyment of a journey in a heavier-than-air machine. The ship heads up Channel, the cliffs of England white on the left, and Cap Grisnez shows ahead, the first point of France.

The coast is crossed near Boulogne, the ship slipping silently along at a steady fifty miles an hour.

Dinner is served, and afterwards there is plenty of room for fifteen couples—the airship carries thirty passengers—to dance.

The dance ends as the great air lighthouse beacon near Paris stabs the darkness ahead.

Passengers sleep as comfortably as in their own beds at home, free from the jar they would experience in a train or the motion in an Atlantic liner.

The Mediterranean shows blue in the sunlight ahead as, after breakfast, suit-cases are fastened and the ship sinks down to harbour. England to Nice, thirteen hours. By train and boat it would have occupied nearly twenty-four hours.

This is not a picturesque figment of the imagination, but a practical proposition.

Difficulties Overcome.

I am no enthusiast for airships, yet the craft planned by British Airships, Ltd., appears to have overcome the principal difficulties which have hitherto prevented semi-rigid airships becoming a commercial proposition.

The chief advantages of the airship now planned are:—

It can alight on land or sea.
It has a great reserve of power.
It can be landed by two or three men.
It is economical to build and maintain.
It can be anchored to a portable mooring mast.

Details of the craft are as follows:—

Capacity, 1,000,000 cubic feet.
Length, 400 feet.
Horse power, 1,500.
Speed, 50 miles an hour.
Useful lift, 15 tons.
Cost, £25,000.

The initial cost of inflation will be £1,750, and the cost of maintenance is put at £5,000. An ingenious "cradle" device will hold the ship on landing. This will be placed parallel to the direction of the wind; the airship settles in her cradle, and instead of needing a horde of men to hold her down, she can be housed by two or three.

A trip to the Riviera can be made with a load of seven tons, fuel will cost about £75, and the expenditure on refilling with gas will be £70.

For short distances as many as forty passengers can be carried; the Atlantic could be flown in such a craft, but such is not its purpose. Atlantic travel is not a commercial proposition as yet.

Belgrade, Lisbon, Rome, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Malta, and Constantinople are typical places which will be brought within touch with England by the British airship service.

It is claimed that, for the same cost as a modern airplane liner, five times the load can be carried for the same distance or the same load for five times the distance.

Engineering Triumph.

The portable mooring mast, for use on land when the wind is too high to permit alighting on the cradle, is the most interesting feature, from the engineering point of view, I have seen for a long time. It works by motor to face the wind, can be carried on a lorry, allows for lateral and perpendicular strains, up to thirty tons, with a margin to obviate such a disaster as nearly wrecked the dirigible R 33 when she broke away from her mooring mast.

If a forced landing should occur the envelope can be at once deflated and the ship saved. Streamline design has reduced external resistance to a minimum, while the construction of the keel certainly appears to give greatly increased strength.

The risk of fire has been greatly lessened by the division of the balloon into gas-tight compartments and the provision of an asbestos bulkhead in front of the saloon and cabins.

A number of famous engineers who have also inspected the plans were favourably impressed by this British attempt to compete with foreigners in an airship service which should be both safe and commercially practicable.—*Daily Express.*

BRITAIN'S FALLING BIRTHRATE.

MEDICAL MEN'S REPORT.

BOOKS ON BIRTH CONTROL CRITICISED.

A provisional report issued by the medical committee appointed by the National Council of Public Morals deals with the health point of view of birth control—the ethical aspect of which was considered by another committee whose report appeared in 1925.

The medical committee was under the chairmanship of Mr. Charles Gibbs, senior surgeon to the Charing Cross Hospital and the Lock Hospital.

The report, which states that the committee find it difficult to come to definite conclusions, especially in view of the lack of scientific data, is a lengthy one. Extracts from it are:

"We view with anxiety the undiscriminating publicity now being given by some persons to the subject of birth control. We repudiate the idea that innocence should be based on ignorance; but knowledge should be given judiciously, and some of the current publications on this subject we regard as a public bane, especially to young, unmarried people.

No impediment should be placed in the way of those married couples who desire information when this is needed for medical reasons, or because of excessive child-bearing or poverty.

A National Disaster.

There are limits beyond which a falling birthrate is a disaster to a country.

The crowded life of the city enormously enhances the difficulty and expense of rearing and educating children; and there is, furthermore, especially among young, married people, the need to maintain a position on small or limited means.

The committee agree that control is being increasingly practised, and that the reduction in the birthrate is partially, and perhaps chiefly, due to this cause.

They admit that evidence brought before them suggested that the freeing of women from anxiety has brought increased happiness to the home, a better outlook, and greater affection for the children.

"Dogmatic Assertions."

Sir Arthur Newsholme and Professor Hill, in their joint memorandum, say that the greater problem as to the influence of restriction on the health and well-being of the community was not entered upon by the committee. They protest against the "unjustifiably dogmatic assertions" often made that the greater fertility among the poorer sections of the population is producing a stock intrinsically poorer in its hereditary qualities.

Mr. Bond urges that a problem not fully dealt with in the report is whether the limitation of the family offers any prospect of help in improving the quality of the human race in the future.

Dr. F. H. A. Marshall, Dean of Christ's College, Cambridge, says that the "dangers from overpopulation, especially among the less desirable elements of society, are greater than those from a falling birthrate."

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Although the Rotterdam Lloyd S.S. Co. have in service some cargo ships designed for a speed of 13½ knots, the *Kota Inten* and the *Kota Radja*, which were completed last month, will inaugurate a new service and, at the same time, a new class of vessel for these owners, as they are designed for 14½ knots; they will trade between Hamburg, Rotterdam, Batavia and Soerabaya.

The main particulars are as follow:—Length overall 467 ft. Moulded beam 60 ft. 6 ins. Depth 33 ft. 6 ins. Deadweight capacity 9,300 tons. Mean draught 26 ft. 6 ins. Loaded speed 14 to 14½ knots. Deadweight capacity at 26ft. 3 ins. draught 9,150 tons. Oil bunker capacity 1,600 tons. Engine power 5,200 b.h.p. Gross register 7,190 tons.

The *Kota Inten* has been built at the Fijenoord Yard at Rotterdam, where the sister ship, the *Kota Gede*, is under construction. Two similar vessels, the *Kota Radja* and the *Kota Baroe*, were laid down at the De Schelde Yard at Flushing. There is no difference between the four vessels so far as the hulls are concerned.

On deck are 12 winches, eight of which are designed to lift five tons and the remaining four, three tons. All are electrically operated. The ship has a normal steamer funnel for the reception of the silencers and the uptake from the boiler which is utilized for heating purposes. On the bridge deck, in addition to accommodation for the chief engineer, four assistants and two apprentices, the doctor, the chief steward, and the chief, second, third and fourth officers, are six two-berth cabins for passengers; a dining saloon is arranged forward; 1,600 pilgrims can be carried on board when the vessel is placed in the pilgrim trade.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 18th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	30.00	30.04	29.99
Temperature	68	65	74
Humidity ...	71	84	61
Wind—			
Direction	East	E	West
Force ...	4	3	2
Weather ...	O	O	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 17th: 73
Lowest open-air Temperature, 18th: 63

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 19th to 25th, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Mon.	19.	m 6 8	4 9	m 0 38	3 7
		6 48 a	6 1	m 11 56	2 8
Tues.	20	m 7 4	4 7	m 1 27	3 2
		7 7 a	6 5	0 31 a	2 9
Wed.	21	m 7 56	4 6	m 2 8	2 6
		7 27 a	6 9	1 4 a	3 1
Thur.	22	m 8 47	4 5	m 2 46	2 1
		7 50 a	7 3	1 35 a	3 2
Fri.	23	m 9 37	4 4	m 3 23	1 6
		8 17 a	7 -	2 5 a	3 3
Sat.	24	m 10 26	4 3	m 3 59	1 2
		8 49 a	7 2	2 24 a	3 4
Sun.	25	m 11 14	4 3	m 4 36	0 9
		9 25 a	8 1	3 2 a	3 5

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THE Steamer "DERFFLINGER" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where *Delivery can be obtained.*

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th of December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe at 10 a.m. on the 22nd of December, 1927.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature.

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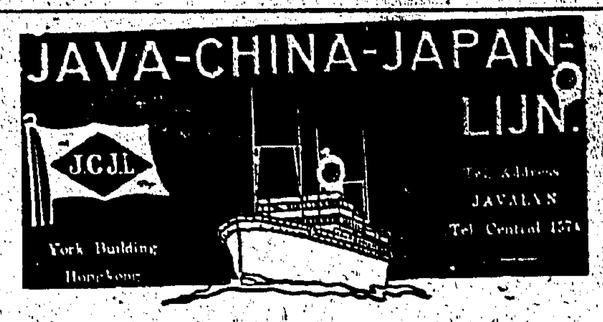

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All Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, at 10 a.m., on the 2 st of December, 1927.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO.,
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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1927. [5657

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 22nd December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 21st December, 1927, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before 5th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 3rd January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

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HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 24th Dec.,	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 25th Dec.,	8 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 26th Dec.,	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 26th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 26th Dec.,	5 p.m
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 29th Dec.,	8 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 30th Dec.,	4 p.m
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG"	On 31st Dec., 1928:—	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 1st Jan.,	7 a.m
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 1st Jan.,	8 a.m.
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 16th.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. J. Beck, from Weihaiwei, which port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—B. & S.

Seang Lee, British str., 3,784 tons, Capt. E. M. Cotton, from Rangoon and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 11th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A29.—Tuen Kee Co.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—Man Yick & Co.

Tai Sze Ma, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Lo Yat San, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Wing Heung Co.

December 17th.

Benwrackie, British str., 3,663 tons, Capt. J. C. Sinclair, from Cardiff *viâ* Suez, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. A23.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

City of Lahore, British str., 4,462 tons, Capt. E. C. Hoppins, from New York, Marseilles and Singapore. The first mentioned port she left on October 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Eiger, Norwegian str., 875 tons, Capt. G. Hansen, from Samarinda, with a cargo of coal, lying at Stonecutters.—Karsten, Larssen & Co.

Gold Shell, American str., 3,420 tons, Capt. A. Johnson, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 13th, lying at Kowloon Bay.—A.P.C.

Hua Lee, Chinese str., 1,303 tons, Capt. M. Bachman, from Bangkok, which port she left on December 5th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18.—Wallem & Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 156 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. C. Alexander, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—N.Y.K.

Lyons Maru, Japanese str., 4,260 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa, from Newport and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B30.—N.Y.K.

Menado Maru, Japanese str., 2,165 tons, Capt. S. Ama, from Keelung *viâ* Amoy and Swatow, with and general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

President Garfield, American str., 6,200 tons, Capt. A. Wilson, from San Francisco *viâ* Shanghai. The latter port she left on November 18th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. C. W. Engebretsen, from Saigon, which port she left on December 10th, with a cargo rice, lying at buoy No. B48.—W. Fat Shing.

Rakuyo Maru, Japanese str., 5,674 tons, Capt. T. Osada, from Nagasaki, which port she left on December 11th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—N.Y.K.

Sumatra Maru, Japanese str., 4,273 tons, Capt. M. Kaketaka, from Singapore, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—O.S.K.

Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Cantons, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Taikwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. K. Itoh, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47.—O.S.K.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 103 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Tilawa, British str., 6,154 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Osaka and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Venezia, Italian str., 4,877 tons, Capt. G. Raqusin, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 14th, with a general lying at buoy No. A52.—Dodwell & Co.

Yuen Sang, British str., 1,083 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. No. B7.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

December 18th.

Hai Ying, British str., 832 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hang Sang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. R. J. J. Sneddon, from Tsingtau an dSwatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Poit Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. F. A. Lovegrove, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Khiva, British str., 5,590 tons, Capt. R. H. Stringer, O.B.E., R.N.R., from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 15th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Kwazan Maru, Japanese str., 1,855 tons, Capt. J. Itaya, from Miike, which port she left on December 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Kume Yoko.

Machaon, British str., 4,906 tons, Capt. D. Mansfield, from Yokohama, which port she left on December 13th, lying at buoy No. A5.—B. & S.

Michael Jebsen, Danish str., 1,342 tons, Capt. P. Christiansen, from Bangkok, which port she left on December 9th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—Ching Seng Hong.

Osaka Maru, Japanese str., 3,949 tons, from Singapore, which port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Rollon, Norwegian str., 774 tons, Capt. Stensholt, from Kiungchow, lying at Stonecutters.—Karsten Larssen & Co.

Yezan Maru, Japanese str., 833 tons, Capt. G. Takata, from Keelung, which port she left on December 15th, with a cargo of coal, lying at West Point.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES.

December 17th.

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Sunning, for Canton.
Szechuen, for Shanghai.
Tak Hing, for Autau.
Telemachus, for Saigon.
Tjisalak, for Amoy.
Vulcanus, for Amoy.
Venezia, for Singapore.
Yuen Jeng, for Swatow.

December 18th.

Khiva, for Singapore.
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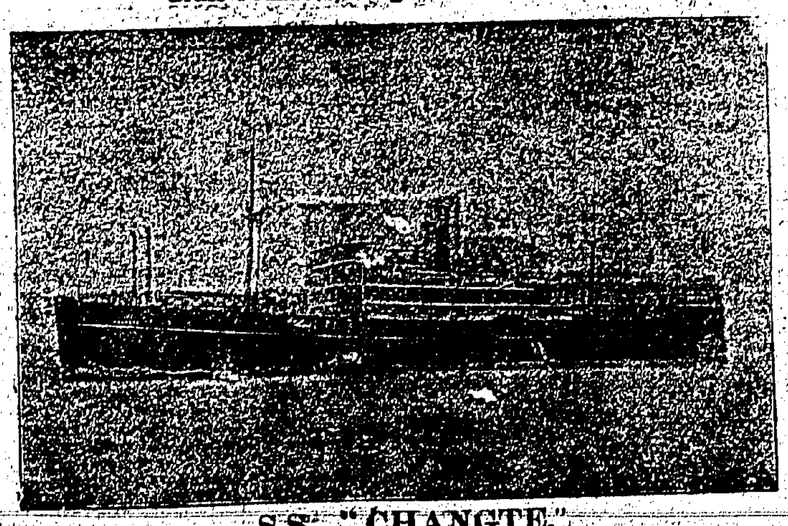

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	"FOOSHING"	Sun., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"CHIPSHING"	Fri., 30th Dec. at 5 p.m.
KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA ...	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE ...	"NAMSANG"	1928:— Satur., 7th Jan., at 7 a.m.
CANTON ...	"HANGSANG"	Tues., 20th Dec., at 2 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"ROSANG"	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"SUISANG"	Thurs, 22nd Dec., at 3 p.m.
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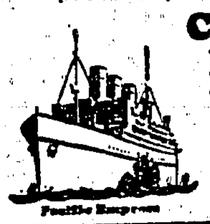

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU	Wednesday,	21st Dec.
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† GENOA MARU	Tuesday,	27th Dec.
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† DURBAN MARU	Tuesday,	10th Jan., 1928.

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† AKITA MARU	Monday,	19th Dec.
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Shipping News

Week-End Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

THE WEEK-END FREIGHTS.

FAIR CARGO RETURNS.

MANY SHIPS PASS THROUGH.

No fewer than 37 freight carrying vessel arrived here during the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. The majority of them were mentioned in the 24 hours returned ended yesterday morning. There were fair freights for this port and through cargoes were also up to average yesterday, but not on Saturday.

Saturday's Statement.

Five out of six British arrivals discharged freight here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday. This totalled 3,383 tons, and with 4,053 tons in five vessels of other flags, there was a total cargo for this port of 7,436 tons. The best individual British return was 2,512 tons; a French arrival had 1,000 tons of general and a Norwegian 2,894 tons of rice.

Through freights totalled 3,689 tons, with 1,332 tons divided between four British ships, and the remaining 2,357 tons in one other vessel.

Arrivals And Departures.

Arrivals and departures for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday were as under:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	6	7
German	0	1
French	1	0
Dutch	1	1
Norwegian	1	0
Japanese	1	1
Chinese	2	3
Totals	12	14

Yesterday's Statement.

Yesterday's statement showed a considerable increase in the number of arrivals for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. They were, in fact, doubled.

Freight for Hong Kong totalled 10,489 tons, with 6,002 tons of this brought in seven British steamers, the best entries being 5,000 tons of coal, and 1,600 tons of general. Although twelve vessels under other flags discharged cargo here, it only came to 4,487 tons, and of this total there were only two four figure entries, one of 1,400 tons of rice on a Japanese ship, and another of 1,000 tons of rice on a Chinese vessel.

Through cargoes totalled 23,556 tons. Eight British ships carried 5,234 tons between them, three steamers recording four-figure entries. Of the 20,322 tons on other vessels, an American steamer carried 4,847 tons, an Italian 3,642 tons, a Norwegian 1,773 tons of coal, a Japanese 1,585 tons of general, another Japanese ship 5,467 tons and a third vessel of the same flag 2,151 tons.

Arrivals And Departures.

Arrivals and departures for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	10	12
American	2	1
Dutch	0	2
Italian	1	1
Norwegian	1	0
French	0	1
Japanese	7	5
Chinese	4	5
Totals	25	27

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jackson, to-morrow.
President McKinley, Dec. 25th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiping, Jan. 7th.
Changte, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.
City of Pekin, Dec. 24th.
City of Calcutta, Jan 14th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Ben Line.
Benrinnes, Dec. 25th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Helenus, to-morrow.
Peleus, to-morrow.
Patroclus, Dec. 26th.
Ixion, Dec. 29th.
Perseus, Dec. 29th.
Tydareus, Dec. 29th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 30th.
Myrmidon, Jan 7th.
Rhexenor, Jan. 9th.
Hector, Jan. 13th.
Mentor, Jan. 17th.
Protesilaus, Jan. 17th.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.
Neleus, Jan. 31st.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolycus, Feb. 19th.
Achilles, Feb. 27th.
Medon, Feb. 28th.
Polyphemius, Feb. 28th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Calchas, Mar. 4th.
Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Takliwa, to-day.
Santhia, Jan. 2nd.
Garmula, Jan. 7th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, Dec. 29th.

Dodwell & Co.
Corby Castle, Jan. 1st.
Viminale, Jan. 5th.
Bowes Castle, Jan. 22nd.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Taft, to-day.
President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Java, Jan. 23rd.
Australien, Feb. 15th.
Asia, Feb. 21st.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, Dec. 27th.
Arafura, Jan. 2nd.
Tanda, Feb. 6th.

Glen Line.
Glenogle, Dec. 22nd.
Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.
Glensanda, Jan. 28th.
Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.
Glenluce, Feb. 23rd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Ramses, to-day.
Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.
Havelland, Jan. 28th.
Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.
Emil Kirdoff, Feb. 25th.

Holland East Asia Line.
Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjiobodas, to-day.
Tjimanoek, Dec. 22nd.
Tjikembang, Dec. 26th.
Tjikini, Jan. 2nd.
Tjiliwong, Jan. 2nd.
Tjisaroea, Jan. 5th.
Tjitaroem, Jan. 16th.
Tjisondari, Jan. 19th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Paul Lecat, to-morrow.
Chenonceaux, Dec. 21st.
Angers, Jan. 4th.
D'Artagnan, Jan. 18th.
General Metzinger, Feb. 1st.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Rangoon Maru, to-day.
Matsuye Maru, to-morrow.
Tango Maru, to-morrow.
Takaoka Maru, to-morrow.
Kamo Maru, Dec. 26th.
Genoa Maru, Dec. 26th.
Takaoka Maru, Dec. 26th.
Seiyo Maru, Dec. 28th.
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.
Nagano Maru, Dec. 30th.
Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th.
Meigen Maru, Dec. 31st.
Penang Maru, Jan. 2nd.
Hakodate Maru, Jan. 7th.
Morioka Maru, Jan. 7th.
Katori Maru, Jan. 8th.

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Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.
Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Devanha, Dec. 23rd.
Kashgar, Dec. 23rd.
Delta, Dec. 31st.
Malwa, Jan. 6th.
Nellore, Jan. 13th.
Khyber, Jan. 20th.
Khiva, Jan. 27th.
Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
Nagpore, Feb. 16th.
Kalyan, Feb. 17th.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
Mantua, Mar. 1st.
Lahore, Mar. 11th.
Mongolia, Mar. 16th.
Morea, Mar. 29th.

Prince Line.
Javanese Prince, Dec. 31st.
Japanese Prince, Jan. 26th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Canton, Jan. 5th.
Delhi, Jan. 13th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DEATH ON "KAYING."

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The master of the s.s. *Kaying* reports that one Chinese deck passenger died from beri-beri during the trip from Bangkok to Swatow.

The master of the s.s. *Hakuya Maru*, arriving from Valpairaiso and Nagasaki, reports that there was the corpse of a Chinese on board.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday totalled 2,098, of which number the s.s. *Seang Bee* (British) from Rangoon and Singapore, carried 1,181. The total number entered for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,864.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle*; South Wall Basin, *Sterling*, *Stormcloud*, *Francol*; East Wall Basin, *Cicala*, S/Ms. *L.4*, *L.19*, *L.27*; North Arm, *Argus*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins*, *Petersfield*; In Dock, *Wolverine*, *Moorhen*, *Faulknor*; No. 3 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 4 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 5 Buoy, *Iroquois*; No. 6 Buoy, *Marazion*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titania*, *L.3*, *L.4*, *L.27*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrose*; *L.5*, *L.1*, *L.33*; No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph*, *Sepoy*; No. 11 Buoy, *Serapis*, *Sirdar*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Bruce*; No. 19 Buoy, *Belgol*; No. 20 Buoy, *Fortol*; No. A26 Buoy, *Ruthenia*.

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"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Jan. "	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb., "	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"NELLORE"	6,853	25th Feb., "	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar., "	do.
‡"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"KARMALA"	9,128	24th Mar., "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar., "	do.
‡"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April, "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April, "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May, "	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th June, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June, "	do.

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"TILAWA"	10,006	20th Dec. 3.30 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"GARMULA"	5,254	8th Jan.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th Jan.	do.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	29th Jan.	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	27th Jan., 1928	
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TAKLIWA"	7,936	21st Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	24th Dec.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st Jan., 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	4th Jan., "	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MALWA"	10,986	7th Jan., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Mar., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"LAHORE"	5,252	12th Mar., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar., "	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	30th Mar., "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th April, "	do
"MALWA"	10,986	27th April, "	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	11th May, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	25th May, "	do.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London, 17th Nov.) ...	*Takliwa* ...	19th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Taft* ..	19th Dec.
Shanghai & Amoy	*Hupeh* ...	19th Dec.
Japan...	*Tango Maru* ...	20th Dec.
Manila	*Helenus* ...	20th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Paul Lecat* ...	20th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Jackson*	20th Dec.
Saigon	*Chenonceaux* ...	21st Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	*Kashgar*	23rd Dec.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 24th Nov., & parcels, 17th, Nov.)	*Devanha*	23rd Dec.
Straits	*City of Pekin* ...	24th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. McKinley* ...	25th Dec.
Straits	*Kamo Maru*	26th Dec.
Shanghai	*Patroclus* ...	26th Dec.
Suez & Straits	*Ixion* ...	29th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Empress of Asia*...	29th Dec.
Suez and Straits	*Pyrrhus*	30th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Hakusan Maru* ...	30th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres Harrison*	31st Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Monday, 19th.
Haiphong & Rabaul	*Calulu*	10.30 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Hirundo*	11.30 A M
Swatow	*Hydrungea*	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Suanning*	3.30 P M
Shanghai	*Derfflinger* ...	3.30 P M
		Tuesday, 20th.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Menado Maru* ...	8.30 A M
Straits and Calcutta	*Tilawa*	Parcels 12.30 P M Letters 1.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning*	1.00 P M *Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M
Saigon, *Straits Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1928	*Paul Lecat* ...	*G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 13th Jan., 1928, & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Jackson* ...	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M
		Wednesday 21st,
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	*Taikwa Maru* ...	8.30 A M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd January, 1928 ...	*Tango Maru*	Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	*Chenonceaux* ...	12.30 P M
		Thursday, 22nd.
Sandakan	*Sui Sang*... ...	1.30 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Kuenchuan*... ..	5.00 P M
		Friday, 23rd
Japan	*Rakuyo Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ...	Noon
Amoy	*Kum Sang* ...	5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Jan., 1928	*Kashgar* ...	*Kowloon P.O.* Parcels 4.30 P M Reg. 24th, 9.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M *G.P.O.* Par. 23rd, 5.00 P M Reg. 24th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Saturday, 24th,
Sandakan	*Hirsang*	1.30 P M
		Tuesday, 27th,
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	*Kamo Maru* ..	9.00 A M

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Silver $13,500,000

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Hamburg	Moukden	Tokyo
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept 1927. [26

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
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O. STEENSTRA, Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

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RESERVE FUND 8,864,298.69

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.
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J. R. GEORGE, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

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A. ROLLIN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 21st April 1927.

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Paid-up Capital £1,060,000
Reserve Fund and Rest...£1,545,667

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

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H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong 12th September 1927 [35

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Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,600.66
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

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Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
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Bank Bills, on demand	1,260
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,235
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Credits, at 60 days' sight	51⅛
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134⅞
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134⅞
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	78½
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	107
ON MANILA.—On demand	par.
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	86⅛
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ON SAIGON.—On demand	nom.
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